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LET US REFLECT

by The Rev. Ann Davies
Prolocutor General

Not too long ago, after a series of lectures and classes, I told a group of Fellow Builders: "Whatever love, beauty, wisdom, insight or spiritual realizations came to you as a result of our togetherness, came because it was already there in you. As your Prolocutor General, I merely represent the mirror which reflects back to you that which your souls call forth. Dr. Case always said: 'It is the class that gives the class.' Had you not had the love residing in your own hearts, I could not have mirrored back to you the profound love that you stimulated in me. I am merely the channel through which that which is not quite conscious in you finds expression. Thus you can gaze at the mirror of yourselves and become aware of that which was pushing itself out of the depths of your being."

How does this work? The law behind it is a simple one. In all our human relationships, we are always picking up on subconscious levels that which others called forth. For example, if I feel unlovable, others will subconsciously receive this projection from me, and the result will be that they will find fault with me, reject me, etc., because I will forever be expecting and looking for evidence of my unlovableness! The reverse is also true.

Before the responsibilities of being Spiritual Head of B. O. T. A. were put into my hands, I was trained to remove my personality from that part of myself which channels the spiritual teachings. With my personality lovingly put on the shelf, as it were, for the period of a lecture or consultation, there is then no danger of my own personal convictions, etc., entering into and coloring the spiritual needs of others. Because of this special training, I reflect back to our classes the deeper and spiritual aspects of their being. Reinforced by the Inner School, my heart reaches into theirs, and they give the lecture. From within their souls comes that which we all share in.

Though I cannot have this personal contact with each of you, this law still operates. I experience the fullness of your love through your dedication towards the Great Work and our Order. The great privilege of serving you fills my heart with love and gratitude. My heart embraces each and everyone of you. May we ever travel the Path of Return together, and may Light be extended upon you in ever growing measure.

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"The reflections on a day well spent furnish us with joys more pleasing than ten thousand triumphs." (Thomas a Kempis)

JOY, HAPPINESS AND LAUGHTER

by Harriet B. Case, Grand Cancellaria

Joy, Happiness and Laughter are three ingredients without which Life would be incomplete. Joy denotes quiet strength. It is like a subterranean stream that shoots up upon occasion into a glorious crystal fountain, sparkling as though with a million jewels, blessing all those who come within its spray. Where there is Joy there is no fear. It springs from the deeper and more permanent levels of our being and can be known even in the midst of profound personal distress. Faithful, trusting acceptance of the Will of the Christ-Self within brings us the sure knowledge of divine guidance and lets us experience that which we know as Joy. Jesus said: "These things I have spoken unto you that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." And again: "Verily I say unto you . . . and ye shall be sorrowful but your sorrow shall be turned into joy . . . your heart shall rejoice and your joy no man shall taketh from you." (John: 15 & 16). That great soul Kahlil Gibran who wrote "The Prophet," said in one of his poems: "Your joy is your sorrow unmasked . . . The deeper that sorrow carves into your being, the more joy you can contain." Bear in mind that wherever there is Joy there is creation; the richer the creation, the deeper the Joy. You will also discover greater Joy in the doing than in the achieving. Manifest your Joy!

Happiness is a state of well-being. It would seem to have more to do with the personality aspect of our nature than the soul aspect, yet we must remember that except for Soul and Spirit man is nothing. It is difficult to draw the line between Joy and Happiness. The secret of both is that they spring from forgetfulness of self in thinking and doing for others. Here is what a wise man had to say on the subject: "There is no happiness in having or getting, but only in giving." (Henry Drummond) Radiate Happiness! It is "bread cast upon the waters."

Joy is the exuberant father and Happiness the beneficent mother. They give birth to the child called "Laughter." Laughter acts as a wonderful catharsis. It is the plough that prepares the ground for the spiritual seed of understanding and perfect equilibrium. As sunshine helps to make glad the heart of man, Laughter is nature's Great Healer. It refreshes and rejuvinates. Laugh so that your heart can sing!

Cultivate Joy, Happiness and Laughter, not only for your own peace of hear and mind but that you may share it with others.

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"In blind despair I wept - - - No one heard.

There was only stillness - - - .

A child entered my room and laughed at my funny, tear-stained face - - - .

The silence shattered - - - and I heard - - -

The Angels sing!

MY PRAYER

by Felix J. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor

O Lord, Hear my supplication!

Open my eyes to Truth, that out of Your all-comprehending mercy and understanding I may see Your world and my fellowmen as You have made them, -not as I wish them to be.

Unseal my ears to the eternal rhythm and cadence of Your universe, that I may hear Your voice and word in the causes of all things, - not the empty echo of my own pronouncements.

Enlighten my understanding, that I may know that behind all that which is, You are, - not the feeble reflection of my own personality.

Teach me to believe but one thing, - Your reality and ever-present nearness to me.

Instill within my heart and mind the consuming desire to know all else by my own work and effort, that I may at long last come to the perfect understanding and realization of Your mighty works, and so pass on from this temperal consciousness to whatever destiny Your unfailing wisdom may have ordained for me.

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TAPESTRY

by Gunhild E. Bodle, Fellow Builder

Life is a tapestry forever weaving,
And love's the silk that gives it wondrous meaning,
On death's dark background, full of mystic seeming,
Born out of life from its own cosmic dreaming ---.

And Pain --- Work --- What are they
But the design on which God's world is leaning,
While prayer's gold thread runs through love, pain and work,
To make them brightly gleaming . . . ?

THE MANIFESTATION OF A DREAM
by your Roving Reporter

Dr. Paul Foster Case always dreamed of a time when aspirants would have a Temple where they could receive the great teachings of Tarot and the Holy Qabalah. An Adytum wherein the hungry heart would be fed Spiritual Truth.

A beautiful and inspiring dedication ceremony conducted by our beloved Rev. Ann Davies, on Oct. 11th signaled the accomplished manifestation of Dr. Case' dream. Our lovely Temple filled with members, friends, and visitors, many of whom knew and loved Dr. Case, shared our joy and witnessed this heart-warming event. If some detected a wee glimmer of tears in the eyes of our Rev. Davies, be assured they were tears of happiness.

When Dr. Case left this earth plane he placed the gossamer threads of his dream in the hands of Rev. Davies. I will not embarrass this valient Lady by detailing the years of untiring effort, struggle, devotion and labor that went into the weaving of the fabric of that dream. At the risk of incurring a sound scolding from the Spiritual Head of our Order for praise that I know is not wanted, I must say it was a task that would have daunted a less courageous heart. We know that Dr. Case is as proud of our lovely Ann as we are here at Headquarters.

To the many hands who helped lighten our load of labor in getting our Temple ready, we extend our heartfelt gratitude. And to all our wonderful members who gave generously, both materially and spiritually, we thank you with all our hearts. Each of you has helped to weave some of the threads in the Grand Tapestry which make up the dream of Dr. Case . . . a dream which now at long last has become his gift to you. Though as yet our Temple is far from being debt-free, we know that with such devoted members this too will shortly come to pass.

The Officers and Staff at Headquarters extend this invitation to each of you: "Come to your Temple and share in its activities."

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NEWS - NOTES

We are receiving rumors of much activity from Elkhart Lake, Wisc. Our Fellow Builders, Rev. Alice Cook and her husband are organizing the first Wisconsin Pronaos. We wish them the very best of luck!

Wisconsin members who would like to participate in this Great Work can do so by writing to Rev. Alice Cook, C/O The Healer's Institute, Inc. Elkhart Lake, Wisc. "AN ACTIVE BUILDER IS A CREATIVE BUILDER!"

Those of our members who are interested in organizing a Pronaos in their locality can learn the details of such a program by writing to the Executive Counselor, Elinor M. Person, who is in charge of all Pronaoi. Address all such inquiries to her at Headquarters.

New York members desiring to join a really active study group can do so by contacting Mrs. Marjorie Nadell, 52 Marlborough Rd., Brooklyn 26, New York. We are really proud of this wonderful group and from all present indications they will be receiving a Pronaos Charter early next year. Congratulations! Keep up the GOOD WORK!

PAUL CASE' NOTEBOOK

L. V. X.

L. V. X. stands primarily for Lux, the Latin noun for Light. In the Western School of occultism this word is often written with the capital letters separated by periods, to call attention to the values of the letters in the Roman system of numeration. L indicates 50, V stands for 5, and X is 10. Thus the total value of the word is 65.

This number represents the operation of the power symbolized by 5 as that power is expressed through the agency symbolized by 6. In occultism, 65 sums up the Great Work. It is the numerical sign of the manifestation of the power of the Pentagram (5) through the agency of the Hexagram (6).

In practical occultism the Pentagram, or five-pointed star, is the sign of the Christos, the spiritual force of the I AM seated in the heart of man. The Hexagram, or six-pointed star, is a symbol of the cosmic forces surrounding man and constituting his environment. The Pentagram is the sign of the mind's domination of the forces of nature. The six-pointed star represents the cosmic forces and laws which make up the whole of the field of activity revolving around the central I AM.

Thus the number 65 expresses the occult Truth that the Christos (5) at the center of the Temple of human personality is actually in control of all natural forces (6). The indwelling Self is the ruler of the cosmic order. Hence we find that the number 65 is the number of the Hebrew noun ADNI, Adonai, "Lord," a Divine Name which refers particularly to the One Life-Power as ruler of the universe.

The same number 65 is also the sum of the value of the letters in the Hebrew noun HIKL, Haikal, meaning "Temple" or "Palace." In the "Book of Formation" we are told that this "Palace of Holiness" is located "in the center" or "in the midst." In the Biblical Temple symbolism, of which Freemasonry preserves some fragments, the "midst" is called the "Sanctum Sanctorum," or "Holy of Holies." This room had the dimensions of the perfect cube and is related to the whole series of symbolic ideas expressed by the cube which is shown on the seal of B. O. T. A. In Solomon's Temple, the Holy of Holies contained the Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy-seat on which rested the Shekinah, or Radiant Presence of God.

Because our more esoteric work has a link of connection with these traditions, we use the conclusion, "Fraternally yours in L. V. X. " at the end of all our letters.

By these words we acknowledge that all wisdom and power have their source in the One Light, and by them we also testify that the One Light is the One Life. This One Life, seated in the heart of man, is the True Self, the One Lord, Adonai, enthroned within His Holy Temple.

To the extension of that Light and to the manifestation of its power in the lives of men, our work is dedicated. May the full glory of that Radiance be extended upon you.

WHAT IS A PRONAOS?

by Elinor M. Person
Executive Counselor

Pronaos means Portico, Anti-Chamber or Vestibule of a Temple. In our work it symbolizes the preliminary step which prepares the student for the still higher esoteric Chapter Work. The student receives one of the most beautiful Initiation ceremonies ever given by the Inner School. This Initiation forms a more stable link between the Pronaon and the Chapter which in turn is the link to the next higher step. This Initiation and the Ritual Work of Pronaos helps to intensify the spiritual aspiration which is so vital to the student on the Path.

The work of Pronaos is taken from the lessons you receive from B. O. T. A. There will be a short talk on the subject of the lesson to be reviewed. The rest of the evening will be conducted as an Open Forum for students to ask questions about the lesson, to exchange ideas and express opinions. Aspirants who desire to teach and carry on the GREAT WORK of our Order will find Pronaos is the place to begin their training.

Those of you who would like to join us (L. A. Pronaos) in the organization of, or participate in, our Pronaos, are invited to attend our first meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10th at 8:00 P. M. at our Temple Headquarters, 5105 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles 42. Please bring your membership card. There wi will be free refreshments after the meeting.

It gives me great pleasure to tell you that we shall be privileged to have Mrs. Paul Foster Case actively participating in our Pronaos.

Now is the time for all Fellow Builders to get busy with the organizing of a Pronaos in their own areas. Here is an opportunity for members who have completed the exoteric work to put that knowledge to a practical and much needed purpose. Builders who have completed the Course of "Tarot Fundamentals" are eligible to hold official positions in a Pronaos. "If you have knowledge, let others light their candles at it." (Fuller)

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As Thanksgiving approaches we find ourselves, here at Headquarters, with hearts that truly "runneth over." We are humbly grateful for the privilege of serving in the GREAT WORK. Grateful too, for our wonderful members who are helping us to carry on and perpetuate the Ageless Wisdom.

The Grand Chapter and staff of B. O. T. A. wish you a most joyous and blessed Thanksgiving. May the full glory of L. V. X. be extended upon you and bring into your daily experience all the wisdom, beauty and splendor of its Illumination!

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Dear Fellow Builders:

This is the first issue of "ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES." We hope it that it will please you and fill the oft repeated pleas we have recieved for a paper or magazine. We are planning to publish "ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES" quarterly. Its continuance will depend upon you. We hope to present it on a donation basis, only. If each member will send in a contribution, however small, we know we will be able to cover its cost. If the contributions are large enough we may grow into that magazine so many have asked for . . . or perhaps be able to put out a larger paper each issue. When sending in your contributions be sure to state that it is for "ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES."

Our paper will cover activities at Headquarters and Pronaoi. When space permits it will publish contributions from our Fellow Builders.

This page will in the future be reserved for our members as a Question and Answer section. Send in your questions and we will answer as many as possible in each issue. Questions must be limited to the lessons and work of the Order. Space will not permit otherwise. We hope as we grow to add a full page for an "Occult Dictionary."

Your suggestions and comments will be appreciated.

Fraternally yours in L. V. X.

Elinor M. Person, Editor

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"OCCULT DICTIONARY"

Ab:-- A father

Absolute, The: -- That which exists without relation to any other being. THE ABSOLUTE - GOD.

Abyss, The: -- A symbol of a condition of being out of relation to the cycle of life. It is also used to signify the state of formless matter prior to the involution of Spirit.

Acacia & Sycamore (Shittim) Trees:-- Symbols of "trees of Life," indicative of Truth and Goodness. Acacia wood was once held to be the "wood of life" and was sacred to the Sun-god in Egypt.

Adam:-- The Qabalah describes four Adams, the two highest of which are celestial and spiritual. The first, Adam Qadmon, the Great Androgene, which includes in itself all the ideas, and all the content of all prototypes of existences . . . The second, a diminution of the first, is known as the Spiritual Adam. The third Adam is the terrestial Adam, made of the "dust" and placed in the Garden of Eden. This Adam was also androgene . . . It had, when first created, a glorious body of Light. The fourth Adam is the third Adam after his fall. He is now clothed with skin, flesh, nerves, etc. He has the power of reproduction and continuance of species, but in him is some of the Light of all the preceding. "Together they form the Great Universal Man . . . the Qabalah names man as the purpose of creation, and the first step is the Upper Adam or Celestial Man." (Zohar, 3, 48A).

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THE ANGELIC LANGUAGE

by Rev. Ann Davies
Prolocutor General

The Tree of Life is the Cabalistic glyph of the universe. This miraculous glyph contains, along with many other pictorial realities pertaining to life, the Angelic language. This language is written in symbol, picture, letter, number and color. It is the bridge over which we may pass if we have the needed aspiration and perserverance. On the one side, we are aware of only the outer appearance of things as registered by our limited senses. But on the other side, we become aware of the Realities themselves, clear and undistorted. Working with the Angelic language opens our consciousness to an awareness of the Higher Planes.

How would we know that we existed were there no other existence with which to establish a relationship? Once we learn a few of the disciplinary techniques which combine symbol, number, letter and color, we will enter the portals of the truly miraculous Angelic Kingdom.

Aspirants of all ages have asked: "Where did the Qabalah come from?" The answer has always been: "From the Angels." I do not merely believe in Angels, I know that they and their Kingdom exists. I acquired this certain knowledge by submitting myself to the discipline of learning the Angelic language. Indeed, how would you expect to communicate with this higher level of Angelic consciousness unless you learned the Angelic language ?

Know this and know it well! The automatic or natural evolution of Homo Sapiens stops a short distance beyond the jungle. To progress further, it is up to us to learn the language which belongs to the expanded and higher levels of consciousness. Many aspirants wonder why they either come to a dead stop or don't get along faster. The main reason is because they do not have the needed self-discipline to learn this Angelic language of symbol, picture, letter, number and color. Having learned this language myself, I can give you the joyful news that compared to learning any one of our national tongues, this Angelic language is surprisingly easy.

Communication with God depends upon this language. Subconsciousness already knows it. Thus every mystically inclined person already has had some limited communication with the Higher Levels. Thus it is that in times of stress, self-consciousness steps aside, the forces flow in and give us at least some of the help we so badly need.

But this is not enough for a true occult aspirant. We must become self-conscious cooperators with God's supernal plans . . . attuned instruments and not just receivers in times of need. We must develop continuous back and forth communication with all God's levels. In this way, and only in this way, can we replace human guesswork with true knowledge and come to know the full meaning of the sublime ONENESS, that all-embracing Reality with its myriads of unique manifestation.

Yes, beloved aspirants! For Spiritual awareness, for pure magic, glory, beauty, and for being conscious cooperators with God, we must learn the Angelic language.

SERENITY
by Harriet B. Case
Grand Cancellaria

"Take my yoke upon you." Matt. 11:29.

Jesus' above choice of a descriptive term for His method implies the fact that He had close contact with the wisdom of the Far East. While not so recorded in the New Testament, various traditions tell us that He spent the unrecorded years travelling throughout the Oriental countries.

However, a person who has reached the high level of consciousness evidenced by the words and works of Jesus does not have to travel to get information. The minds of all men, near and far, are open to him. He has access to stores of knowledge and wisdom of which the ordinary man knows nothing. Thus Boehme, without leaving Germany, gave definite evidence throughout his writings that he was familiar with principles identical with those set down in the esoteric writings of the Hindus, whose language he did not know.

"Yoke" and "yoga" are terms which mean practically the same thing. Note that in Greek the word "yoke" means the beam of a pair of scales. The yoke is also a device whereby one may carry a double burden . . . and it is just this that is accomplished by the easy yoke of Jesus. From beginning to end, His method is so simple a child can use it. It is a method that changes our lives from toilsome bondage to conditions of perfect rest in the midst of all the changing activities of our outer world.

What is this easy yoke? It is to be "meek and lowly in heart." How does this accomplish the wonderful result Jesus promised? By this means: He who is meek and lowly in heart has put an end to personal self-assertion. He has discovered the Great Secret spoken openly by Jesus when He said: "Of myself I can do nothing." It is a literal Truth that no person anywhere has ever done the least thing of or by himself. Made into a practical working principle, first in our thoughts, and then in all our other activities, this Truth rids us of every heavy burden . . . the burden of making a living, the burden of ignorance, the burden of past mistakes.

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Recommended Reading, Fiction and Non-Fiction.

THE TAROT, A KEY TO THE WISDOM OF THE AGES by Dr. Paul F. Case.

BOOK OF TOKENS by Dr. Paul F. Case.

THE LIGHT OF ASIA by Sir Edwin Arnold.

ASTROLOGICAL KEYWORDS by Manly Palmer Hall.

ALAN LEO'S DICTIONARY OF ASTROLOGY by Alan Leo.

AT THE FEET OF THE MASTER by Alcyone.

THE BHAGAVAD GITA.

RELIGION AND SCIENCE

by Felix J. Frazer
Grand Prolocutor

Bergson tells us that there are two ways of knowing things. One way is to become one with them and know them after the same fashion that we know our own mind and consciousness . . . the way of realization as taught by the Mystics.

The other way requires that we view the object to be known from every possible angle, examine it with our most delicate instruments from within and without, and thus learn everything we can about it . . . the way of modern science.

For many centuries during the Dark Ages, ignorance, superstition and bigotry proscribed all non-conforming mysticism and science. Thus enlightened followers of both ways were forced underground. The mystics preserved their traditions and teachings under a shroud of enigmatic symbols meaningless to those who held temporal power. The scientists, among them the alchemists, did much the same in their ostensible but misleading laboratory search for gold.

But to every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. So the day came, not so long ago, when the Church and State became separated and the first steamboat puffed its way up the Hudson River. No wonder that many formerly chained by the shackles of enforced dogma enthusiastically swung the pendulum of their thinking to the opposite and materialistic aspect of things. No longer did Gods and Demons need to be invoked to explain the phenomena of nature. Everything, or so it seemed, could now be explained by cause and effect operating entirely within the framework of a materialistic universe. Thus was born today's materialism, nurtured at the breast of Newtonian evolution and brought up in the school of materialistic science.

Then, a few decades ago, came the calculus of statistics. "Probabilities," "Indeterminacies," "Anti-chances," "Relativity" and similar concepts entered the arena of scientific thought, each casting its share of doubt on the total validity of Elizabethan physics and materialistic causality. To cite but one example, one of chemistry's heavy molecules could never have come into being by chance alone. Heat, pressure, time and chance can no longer account for our universe. Cosmic will, purpose and supreme intelligence must be included in nature's ingrediants. Science can no longer leave God out of the scheme of things.

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NOTE TO OUR MEMBERS:

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NEWS NOTES
by your Roving Reporter

Recent visitors to our new Temple were Chas. F. Lemic, Lillian Mc. Curdy and Lorraine Shultz and her husband. It was a pleasure to greet these Fellow Builders and we hope that we shall have eventually, the privilege of welcoming each and every one of our wonderful members. We have a brand new Visitor's Register just waiting to be filled up!

Word has been received that Fellow Builder Robert Cervantes has taken a Higher Initiation. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the loved ones he left behind. Brother Cervantes was a member and friend of B. O. T. A. for many years and though we shall miss him, we know that his passing from this earth plane affords him the opportunity for continued service on the higher planes of being.

Fellow Builder Thomas M. Broadfoot generously donated four copies of his book of poems entitled PURPLE LIGHTENING. Members will find these poems not only living words of beauty, but an inspiration as well. We are proud and privileged to add them to our Library collection.

We recently received a letter from one of our most unusual members which we are taking the liberty of publishing here with our answer. The letter is from Chris. C. Clark, Fellow Builder, AGE 12! That is what makes him so unusual.

"My Friends:

As the world emerges from the dark ages in the dawning light, many paths appear. All lead to the same place. Some are longer, slower detours, some are too steep and hilly. There is a Path which is short and narrow. It leads through the center of the peak and terminates in a smooth highway. This path is obscured and ridiculed. Few are those who find it. In your teachings, I have found this Path. I wish to help others do likewise. Please send me a supply of THE OPEN DOOR."

Most sincerely,
Chris. C. Clark

Dear Fellow Builder:

This is our answer to your letter.

The Officers and staff of B. O. T. A. send you their congratulations and most sincere appreciation for having so early in life pulled out of the inertia of the "mass mind" and having applied yourself so diligently to the AGELESS WISDOM. We have watched your progress for more than a year with great interest and know that you will achieve where those whose desire was not yet strong enough have failed. You will reach the goal and pass those, who though older than you by far, gave in to that "mass inertia" and fell by the wayside. You have earned our respect and appreciation because you are not merely a receiver of the Light but one who wishes to share it with others and is doing something about it. You are a shining example of what Tarot can do for one who WANTS it.

May the Light be extended upon you and bless you ever more with Wisdom and Understanding.

Fraternally yours in L. V. X.
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SECURITY IS YOURS!

by Elinor M. Person
Executive Counselor

Would you like security? Of course you would! Everyone wants security. The real problem is ascertaining just what security is. One lacking financial means will tell you that it is a nice fat bank account. The luxery loving will say "It is a big car, a fur coat, etc." The ill will tell you it is good health, and the troubled will tell you that it is "Peace of mind."

Can there be any security when it depends upon some thing, some object, something tangible? The possession or loss of physical things neither adds nor subtracts to or from the Higher Self.

Often a student will complain and say, "I cannot concentrate because I have no peace of mind. I'm worried about my job, I can't pay my bills, I need a new car, I need more money" etc. Or "I can never attain Illumination, I'm too busy earning a living." If any of this were true, only the rich would make progression while the poor would plod forever in darkness.

Poverty will never pass away until you create something better to take its place. No one ever was, or ever can be outwardly independent.

Man has not even begun to manifest his great inner power. Science has not yet found a limit to the power of man. It never will because it is unlimited!

Each one's Higher Self is a great storehouse without known circumference. It contains all an individual needs. It is an Inner Kingdom ever awaiting its Ruler. Man either rises above circumstances and surroundings or becomes a slave to them.

Inner development brings security. The individual actively demonstrating love, busily thinking and doing for others, forgetting self, keeping thought and feeling high, dwells in attunement with that Higher Self and is confident and assured. He has Peace of Mind, Understanding, and Security. None of these are dependent upon anything other than the individual himself.

The purpose of Life is to express more Life. The capacity for more power only comes with the fullest use of present capacities.

"In order to do a thing, we must believe in the possibility of our doing, and this faith must forthwith be translated into acts."

"SEVEN STEPS IN PRACTICAL OCCULTISM." Lesson 1 page 3.

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CHUCKLES

A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd!

In your account of Good Deeds always see to it that your deposits never run short.

WORK is the POWER that lights the way to PROGRESS.

A proverb is a short sentence based on long experience.

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THE FOOL

by Maridel Dyke
Fellow Builder

Ah, balanced on the precipice,
Fool.
Oh, loving Fool!
Precious head of golden blond
Sent forth by pure white rays of sun . . .

My Heart,
What happens!
Why is it that for me
You would unhook that hourglass golden chain
That grips your waist
With twelve strung beads of man-sought gold?
Wait!
Carefully cast off your cloak of planet whirls
And its familiar lining of red's force.
Oh, not too fast; my new-born eyes
Will blind to see your inner robe
Of Wisdom's weave!

Crushed by strength of joy,
I cannot see.

But look, the precipice becomes a path
That pushes doubt beneath my feet.
The faith within me flings my soul to the mountain's cold capped snow
And swoops it down into the valley's depth
To make gold laughter of the air.

PAUL CASE' NOTEBOOK

THE STORY OF EVOLUTION AS TOLD BY THE HEBREW ALPHABET

ALEPH - - - Creative Energy, Spirit, which

BETH - - - dwells in the positive Forces of life. It begins its evolution by

GIMEL - - - seeking to balance itself with its negative pole.

DALETH - - - When the Positive and Negative poles of Spirit have been fused, it begins its development. Out of the womb of Spirit come the Elements, Water, Air and Earth.

HE - - - Spirit now discerns its development and knows that further growth is possible.

VAU - - - Spirit, (Fire) Water, Air, and Earth, are now joined together, but they have reached the full measure of their solution. In order that their growth and development might continue, these great Elements, perfectly fused, are

ZAIN - - - scattered and separated, that each particle might make its own cycle of growth and assist in the final balancing of all the Forces of life. So these particles of living vital intelligence are thrown out into

CHETH - - - the Field, and begin their own cultivation

TETH - - - through experience, towards wisdom and regeneration.

YOD - - - The separated Forces now begin to absorb each other and expand themselves through harmonious fusion. They take their own development in hand.

KAPH - - - As the separated Forces fuse themselves in harmony, they gain balance and strength, and so gain control of their evolution.

LAMED - - - The Creative Energy within them drives them into action, ever seeking balance and development.

MEM - - - These acts are seeds which reproduce themselves.

NUN - - - Out of them come new experiences and opportunity for growth

SAMECH - - - which bring strength and purification,

AYIN - - - and also realization which preceeds the breaking of bondage by or through

PE - - - the spoken word and the breath of life.

TZADDI - - - This materializes the fruit of seed sown in the subconscious realm, now recognized as orderly sequences.

QOPH - - - Here the center of intelligent Forces, which is called Man, realizes that he has dominion over his body and he seeks with wisdom the Forces he lacks to balance his cycle of growth.

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RESH - - - He gathers together the Forces that are his and directs his own life, knowing that according to the use he makes of his Forces, will his expression be growth or waste.

SHIN - - - Here the Firse of Spirit transmutes the material things into spiritual. Tests come thick and fast. We are carried through the fire of experience to emerge as pure gold.

TAU - - - We are measured for our own perfect niche in the Temple not made with hands, built by the Master Builder. Selfishness has been burnt away, and we serve only that the race may advance.

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Extracts from THE PRAYER by Louis Claude de Saint-Martin
translated and abridged from the French by
Rene' Person, Temple Administrator

If Nature is, so to speak, the initiation to all truths, prayer is the consummation because it includes them all within itself. Why does prayer, for example, include all religion within itself? Because prayer imbues the soul with the Divine Magic which is the secret of every being. Prayer is the magic which makes us walk over obstacles without seeing them, endure weariness without feeling it, and which pours peace, I was almost going to say pleasure, upon our pains and even upon our death itself. It is the magic of prayer which leads to the sublime goal.

When does prayer enable us to reach this goal? When we succeed in saying prayers which themselves pray in us and for us and not by repeating empty phrases we pick up from formulas or puerile customs.

When, in the Lord's Prayer, we say "Hallowed be Thy Name," we ask that God's Name be sanctified. The soul in man is the Name of God. When we learn how to pray, the Name of God is sanctified in us, channels open, power flows through us, and the magic of the Infinite is ours!

How should we pray? By feeling the prayer that we utter with every fibre of our being!

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PRAY NOT FROM THE ROOF OF YOUR MOUTH BUT FROM THE ROOT OF YOUR HEART!

QUESTIONS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Ques. What is Free-Will?

Ans. Free-Will is a puzzle which philosophers have been racking their minds over all through the ages. The problem lies in how and with what we identify ourselves. If we think we are the personality (which we do, until we have attained conscious union with the Higher Self), any attribution of free will to that personality is an error. The personality cannot have free will because it is merely a vehicle. It is like saying that one's automobile has free will to start, stop, turn and travel. The Higher Self, that aspect of ourselves which is the true "I," is at all times in conscious touch with the Divine Plan, or Divine Will, because it is an aspect of the Divine Will, and it is that level of our being which makes the decisions for the personality. No one can understand this with the intellect. What is absolutely essential is to keep working assiduously with the techniques of B. O. T. A. in order, amongst many other things, to turn the sense of identification away from the personality to where it belongs. Then, in that awareness one knows that the only true will there is, is the Will of God, and that the Will of God is the true "I" and certainly has free-will . . . has always had it and will always have it. It is that "I" one must continuously refer to in every act. This is what we mean when we say "act as if you have free will." But always correct yourself by saying it is the Higher Self or the real "I," that brings various experiences to the personality. . . experiences needed by the personality-flower which the real "I" is growing. It is this Higher Self that inspires us to do now those things required to change the results of past actions for tomorrow's growth and progress.

Ques. Can you give a brief explanation of the four symbolic animals on Key 10?

Ans. For thousands of years these four animals have been prominent in the symbolic representation of the Sacred Science of the ancients. These same four animals are mentioned in the vision of Ezekiel, and they are described again in the Apocalypse. They also symbolize four signs of the Zodiac. The lion is Leo and the eagle is Scorpio. The man is Aquarius and the bull is Taurus.

Every sign of the Zodiac has the characteristics of one of the four elements. Leo is the fire sign. Scorpio is connected with water. Aquarius is airy because the atmosphere carries the water drawn up by the sun, using the clouds as pitchers. Taurus is an earth sign. This is only a partial explanation of these four symbols. As you progress with your studies you will learn much, much more of their deeper and even more significant meanings.

Ques. Does a member have to have completed a certain amount of the B. O. T. A. curriculum before being eligible to join Pronaos?

Ans. No, a member may apply for membership in Pronaos after receiving the first two lessons of the first course entitled SEVEN STEPS IN PRACTICAL OCCULTISM.

Ques. I have a small Sanctuary in my bedroom with an altar where I worship, work and study. On the altar I have two candles which I burn when I am at worship and sometimes when at work. Would it help me to burn incense on this altar?

Ans. This is entirely a matter of choice. It is not a must. Incense has a definite vibratory effect upon the atmosphere of the room and if a good incense is used, one that is light, not too musky or heavy, it has a very beneficial effect upon the person and helps to stimulate the psychic centers. A good quality of sandalwood is very fine for establishing harmonious vibrations and purifying the room.

PRONAOS REPORT
by Elinor M. Person
Artisan

Twenty-three Fellow Builders added their Light to ours by taking the profoundly significant and symbolic Pronaos Initiation within the last two months. L. A. Pronaos No. One welcomes Mrs. Abbey Alexander, Brenda Anderson, Mrs. Phil Benjamin, Mary Rose Bliss, Catherine & Don Brown, Max J. Brown, Bertram H. Carter, Helen Collins, Zeta M. Copeland, P. Marie Daigle, Lola Darling, Isabel R. Farwell, John H. Gamble, Willa Holland, Mrs. V. Markham, Jane P. Smith, Evelyn E. Sturm, Annienell Thompson, Merrie G. Wilde, Corinne A. Wilkinsen, Lillian G. Wise and E. Anita Wyant as Active Builders and Pronaons.

Presiding at these beautiful, mystical Rituals were Harriet B. Case, Consecrator, Mary I. Alpaugh, Purifier, Merrie G. Wilde, Consecrator, and Elinor M. Person, Artisan. We were greatly honored and privileged to have the assistance of three of our Chapter Officers assisting us at the first Initiation of this season. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Rev. Arthur Redman, Ass't. Minister, who acted as Keeper of the So. Chaos, to Elizabeth Barker, who served as Guide, and to David Mitchell, who served in the role of Keeper of the No. Chaos. We extend a warm welcome to our regular Ritualistic Officers John H. Gamble, Keeper of the No. Chaos, Max J. Brown, Keeper of the So. Chaos and Don Brown, Guide.

Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1960 at 8:00 P.M. L. A. Pronaos No. One will begin classes on the INTRODUCTION TO TAROT. One Key will be taken up each Tuesday evening with group discussion following each class. In these classes, students who wish to participate by giving brief talks on the various Keys, may do so. This is a wonderful preparation for our future Officers and Teachers of Pronaos. From time to time, one of our Chapter Officers will visit Pronaos and give a lecture upon one of the Tarot Keys.

Pronaos Initiations are held the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. Those wishing to take this Initiation must apply at least one week prior to the date of Initiation. To become a Pronaon, one must be a member in good standing of B.O.T.A. (Membership dues paid up to date.) All Fellow Builders have the Privilege of attending three Pronaos classes any Tuesday evening (except the first Tues. of the month) prior to joining Pronaos. Visiting Pronaos does not obligate you to join.

Pronaons are Apprentice Builders. Their motto is: "Apprentice Builders are Active Builders." Come and join us and add your Light to ours!

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HELP WANTED! ! !

Fellow Builders who have a day, an afternoon, morning, or a few hours a week to spare would find a most excellent place at Temple Headquarters to put that time to good use. We would greatly appreciate the help of a few of our brothers or sisters who would like to assist us with some very simple work in the office and in our Lesson Dept. If you are interested just call us, or better yet, just drop in. We will be happy to see you.

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Because it is impossible to answer each one individually, the Officers and staff of B.O.T.A. take this opportunity to thank each and every one for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts so many of you sent us. You made it a truly Holiday Spirit here at Headquarters. Thank you and God Bless you.

OCCULT DICTIONARY

Ad hoc - A dubious assumption or argument arbitrarily introduced as explanation after the fact.

Adar - Jewish month comparing roughly with February and March.

Adept - One who has attained the great secret of Alchemy. In occultism it is used to signify one who has attained Illumination or a Higher Consciousness.

Adonai - (1) Hebrew for Lord. (2) the God of Light of the Rosicrucians.

Adonis - A Roman god of vegetation, famed of beauty, born of a virgin.

Adytum - (Gr.) The Holy of Holies in the Greek and Roman Temples into which the general public were not admitted. The innermost or secret sanctuary or shrine in Ancient Temples, open only to priest. (Occult) The Temple not made with hands.

Aesculapius - Legendary Greek god of medicine, son of Apollo.

Agape - A love feast of the Christians where the unfriendly supped together and settled their differences. Out of this the eucharist seems to have grown.

Agni - The Hindu god of fire represented with two faces, symbolic of his benevolent and malevolent qualities.

Agnosticism - The philosophic attitude which affirms that nothing which transcends material phenomena can be known.

Agrippa, Herod 1. Appointed king of Judea by the emperor Claudius. Notorious in history for his execution of James, brother of John the Evangelist and the imprisonment of St. Peter.

Agrippa, Herod 2. Son of the preceeding, and last king of the family of Herod the Great. Remembered for Paul's eloquent speech before him. Acts: 26.

Ahab - King of Israel about 875 B. C.

Ahimelech - The High Priest to whom David fled from Saul's anger. 1 Sam. 21:1.

Ahimsa - The Hindu doctrine which forbids injuring sentient life in any form.

Ain Soph - The Supreme Spirit of Judaism, akin to the Shakti of Brahmanism. In Qabalah, a symbol of the Absolute, the potential and Unmanifest God, the Source of the Higher Self and its manifestations.

Akasa, Akasha - Sanscrit term for the all-pervading ether.

Akbar (1542 -1605) - Emperor of No. India & wisest of the Mogul emperors. Notorious for his wide religious tolerance. He welcomed representatives of all religions to his court.

Akhnaton, Ikhnaton - Pharoh of Egypt who in 1375 B. C. attempted to overthrow the many gods of Egypt for the One God of all.

Alb - A long white vestment worn by priests (cath.) under the chasuble and over the cassock when saying Mass. It is emblematic of purity and continence.

Alberich - King of the dwarfs in Scandinavian mythology.

Albigenses - Catharist anti-sacerdotal heretics of Southern France. Said to have rejected the Old Testament and to have forbidden private ownership of property. The Inquisition practically exterminated them.

Alchemy - This signifies the production by unperceived processes, of the higher qualities from the lower; that is, from the baser metals, or lower qualities, the precious metals, or higher qualities are produced by transmutation. Also, the purification by fire, whereby out of earth (lower nature) there is made gold (higher nature). In Qabalism, the transmutation of man to perfection.

Alexandrian Library - The greatest Library of antiquity founded by Ptolemy Soter, said to have been partly burned in A. D. 389 by the Christian bishops and again by the Arabs in A. D. 642 by order of the calif Omar.

Alexandrian School - A center of scientific, literary and theological influence with its headquarters at the musuem or academy founded by Ptolemy Soter. From the Alexandrian School sprang (1) The eclectic spirit first impersonated in Philo. (2) Neo-Pythagoreanism and Neo-Platonism best exemplified in the work of Plotinus. The great Christian thinkers of the 3rd century, Clement and the mystic Origen, were Alexandrians.

Aleyeh - The Jewish ritual of going up to the reading desk in the synagog to read the scriptures.

Al-Ghazali - (1058 - 1111). Persian Sufi philosopher and mystic.

Al Kadr - A particular night in the month of Ramadan, when Mohammedans say that Angels descend to earth, and Gabriel reveals to man the decrees of God.

Alkahest - The universal solvent of the alchemists. The word was invented on Arab models by Paracelsus.

Agate - (Please excuse mis-placement in list) A precious stone found in Italy. It was the second stone in the third row of the High-Priest's breastplate.

Allah - Arabic name used by Moslems for God.

Allihah - (Arabic) Meaning: The worthy to be adored.

Allegory - A figurative use of speech to convey a further and deeper meaning than the literal word conveys.

All Saints Day - All-Hallows, Hallowmas Festival observed on Nov. 1, by the Catholic and Anglican Church in honor of all known and unknown saints and martyrs.

All Soul's Day - Cathclic festival (Nov. 2) on which the souls of the faithful departed are commemorated. It has its roots in pagan antiquity and many of its rites linger in Brittany and Celtic countries.

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AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

by The Rev. Ann Davies
Prolocutor General

This age-old question cannot be answered by a simple "yes" or "no" because human consciousness, in its present state of evolution, can have as many and varied interpretations of responsibility as there are minds to question it.

Those who have attained to high states of Illumination answer the question in this manner: "The greatest responsibility that every human being has is to know how to help others to help themselves." I have been taught by the Masters of Wisdom who inspires and watches over the teachings of B. O. T. A., that one of the great problems which many well-meaning aspirants have is in mistaking their own desire to be needed for the need existing in another. For example, I can smother an individual with kindness and attention thinking that I am expressing love and unselfishness, but my real and hidden motive may be the desire to have that individual dependent upon me. Or, I may suffer from guilt complexes and overwhelm another with material gifts and services only because again, I am unaware that this is my way of covering up a hidden antagonism. Where these negative attachments exist between individuals there is usually an attempt to force upon the other, one's own concept of helpfulness. In essence we are our BROTHER'S KEEPER if we truly recognize the unity of all life, and the preciousness of its individual expressions.

True love seeks ever to revere and protect the freedom of other human souls. It gives of itself with discrimination and does not try to force itself upon another. It disciplines with mercy, yet does not expose itself to the mass-mind prejudices. It fights injustice where Wisdom dictates and protects the helpless in such ways as to develop self-sufficiency.

Beloved brother and sister of B. O. T. A., continue to study that which lies hidden deep in the heart of sub-consciousness. Discover the despotism of the old habit patterns and find your Inner Freedom. Thus will you truly know that you are, in Truth, your BROTHER'S KEEPER, and that KEEPER ever keeps open the door to the LIGHT!

UNBALANCED MERCY IS BUT WEAKNESS!
UNBALANCED SEVERITY IS TYRANNY!

GRATITUDE

by Harriet B. Case
Grand Cancellaria

Gratitude, what a beautiful word! What a wonderful feeling, for it implies that someone has done us a kindness, a service, given us a gift, or shared their wealth, or expressed their love in some manner. But how many of us stop to think when we are recipients of a gift or service of some sort that it is really God Who is the real giver? For every human being is an expression of God, the One and Only Life, therefore it is truly from Him that every blessing flows and that every opportunity is presented to us. The Lord of Life is our only source of supply. Do you know that daily praise and gratitude to God is the way to contact that supply, that limitless and exhaustless bounty?

We all have so much more to be grateful for than we realize. There is, first of all, the gift of Life itself, then the blessing of having eyes with which to see the beauties of nature and the faces of our loved ones; ears with which to hear the harmonies of music, the song of birds and the conversation of friends and family so that we do not suffer that feeling of being cut off from our fellow beings as is the case with so many deaf persons. Another blessing is the ability to think, to reason, to create imaginatively and explore the vast realms of the mind. And let us not forget the joy of having sound limbs that permit us to move about freely, and hands with which to do so many things in work and play and service. Now that is just a start. Sit down and make a list of the many things you have to be grateful for and then say "Thank You God" every morning and often during the day.

For indeed, praise and thankfulness are the way to "remove mountains." Even when troubles seem to overwhelm you, when in greatest distress, search until you can find cause for thankfulness, then bless and thank.

Thus you have established a line of communication between yourself and God. Along that line of communication will your call of distress or need follow, and most surely it will be answered.

Let "Thank You God" be ever on your lips and in your heart, even when trials, sorrows, illness or apparent lack seem to be your temporal lot, remember that every experience has something to teach us, something that will help us to grow in strength, compassion and wisdom. For this too can we be truly grateful.

"And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."
(Matt. 21:22)

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CHUCKLES

It is useless to put your heads together if you cannot put your hearts together.

A man is never on trial as much as in the moment of good fortune.

Sorrows shared are less burdensome, joys divided are increased.

THE FAITH CURE

by Felix J. Frazer
Grand Prolocutor

Accepting the reality of the faith or miracle cure is a difficult item for the sceptical mind. Yet few phenomena in the psychic research field have been better attested and scientifically documented. On the religious side, they lie at the very base and heart of all faiths. Without them, religion would lose one of its mightiest appeals.

I too was a sceptic once. With some thirty years of scientific psychic research behind me, I had never witnessed one. Yes, I had heard and read many reports of such cures from reliable sources. But intellectual acceptance is one thing, and personal eye witness verification is quite another.

In 1952, I was the house guest of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Foster Case and Rev. Ann Davies. During one of our many discussions on metaphysics, I said that while I had seen just about every type and variety of psychic phenomena, I had never been privileged to eye-witness a genuine faith cure where the ailment was plainly visible at one moment and gone the next, or shortly thereafter. My experienced friends smiled and said little, but within a few days they rewarded me with an on-the-spot and personally observed faith cure of the little dog, Tzaddi, which I promptly documented and wrote up for Fate Magazine. Most of you who have received our literature are familiar with the details of this case.

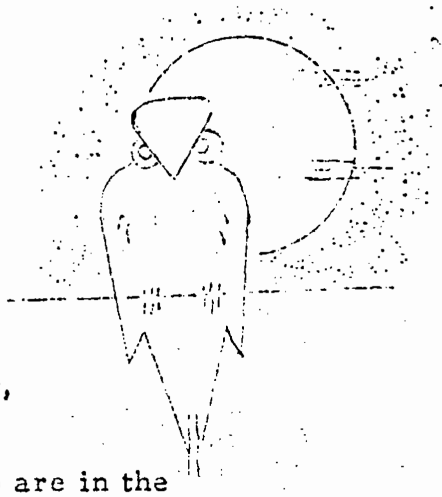
Later I went through the B. O. T. A. files and found them loaded with letters from aspirants who had experienced such cures through the intermediary of our Esoteric Working groups. Since then, similar letters have been reaching us in a steady stream. But, alas, we also hear from those who have not been so fortunate Why, many ask, does God's healing lightening strike in one place and not in another?

The Inner School has not told us too much about this apparent, though not actual discrimination. Remember that Reality and its Truths are "writ upon the face of nature for all with eyes to see." Spiritual evolution requires us to use our own heads and not ask questions of the Higher Forces until we have done our own thinking and meditating.

I have done both. To me, the answer lies partly in the karmic back-ground of the individual, partly in that of the entire human community, and partly in the always wise, beneficent, and never failing guidance of the Higher Self which determines in each case what experiences the individual ego and the human community most need for their evolutionary progress. Adversity, be it illness or other tragedy, should always be regarded as a specific transaction of God with our soul . . . proddings. if you will. to keep us on the Path and to teach us, and the community, specific lessons. Thus God's supernal wisdom decides what is best for us at the moment, be it the hard lesson of illness, the glorious relief and inspiration of the faith cure, or any other experience which we encounter.

The best answer, hope and inspiration that I can give you in these necessarily few words, is the fact that the further we advance along the Path of Return, at some certain point thereon, we may confidently expect to learn our lessons through enlightened understanding rather than through the seemingly crushing defeats of illness and adversity. Furthermore that our progressively acquired ability to see and understand Reality will also progressively remove the fear, pain and despair which engulph us so long as we persist in mistaking outward sense appearances for Reality.

NEWS NOTES
by your Roving Reporter



Our Temple is a happy place welcoming our many visitors and explaining much of what we do here at Headquarters. Our most recent visitors were Mr. & Mrs. Wm. P. Vaughn from London, Kentucky; Rev. Joseph Cook of Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin; Dr. C. E. Wray, John P. Perlinger and Wayne Anthony, of California.

Those in need of personal counseling services, who are in the vicinity of our Headquarters, may phone the Executive Counselor, Elinor M. Person, for an appointment. She will be most happy to help you. No appointments are possible on a Monday as that is our busiest day of the week. The Temple Office is open from 9:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. Do please make an appointment before coming as you may find the Executive Counselor busy and unable to see you. There is no fee for our Counseling services, it is supported by your voluntary contributions.

A new 5ft. Chart of the TREE OF LIFE will soon grace our Temple at Headquarters. Rev. Joseph Cook generously donated this beautiful Chart while visiting us. It will be mounted, painted and stand in the East of our Temple. We thank Rev. Cook for this wonderful gift which we know our student members will more than appreciate.

Our Secretary, Mary Alpaugh, is on a vacation and though we miss her very much we do hope that she is enjoying herself and getting a much-earned rest. Lola Jacobi, our pretty new Assistant Secretary, is doing a very fine job and it is with great pleasure that we welcome her to our little staff of dedicated workers.

Associate Members living within travelling distance of our Headquarters can do much to help us with the GREAT WORK. If you have a few hours to spare, do drop in and donate this spare time to the perpetuation of the Ageless Wisdom. If you would like to know about this work, call us and we will be most happy to explain it. It is not difficult work, but it must be done and, as you know, many hands make a task much lighter.

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Recommended Reading, Fiction and non-fiction.

AGE OF FAITH by Will Durant

ALCHEMY, ANCIENT AND MODERN by H. Stanley Redgrove

THE APOCRYPHA (paper back) An American translation by Edgar J. Goodspeed.

METAPHYSICAL BIBLE DICTIONARY (Unity School of Christianity)

THE BIBLE AS HISTORY by Keller

BIBLE MYSTERY AND MEANING by Troward.

BIBLE MYTHS by T. W. Doane.

MEDITATION

by Elinor M. Person
Executive Counselor

We are told that the habit of regular meditation is an absolute essential if we are to make any real spiritual progress. Why is this so? Why is meditation so necessary for evolvement?

Meditation, properly performed, changes our attitude from active to passive. True meditation is not inertia. It too, is active but in another manner. It brings about a change of polarity. The habit of regular meditation brings us closer to the basic mechanics of the Universe, to that rythmic systole and diastole to which all creation responds.

Meditation is for the mind what sleep is for the body. It is the period wherein we attune with the God-Mind and draw into our sub-consciousness new mental material which our mind needs to properly perform its functions. It is also the builder of the physical body. When the mind is deep in meditation, the Cosmic Life-Forces carry their patterns directly to the body building faculty without interference from the erroneous interpretations of the objective mind. Thus meditation not only rebuilds the body but it also prolongs life. In meditation the subconsciousness has an opportunity to receive its patterns direct from the PRIMAL WILL TO GOOD, and put them into practice.

The first important step in achieving the art of meditation is to begin meditating. Take five or ten minutes upon rising in the morning while the mind is still fresh and quiet from a night of rest. Take another ten minutes before retiring. Do <u>not</u> attempt to meditate in bed.

Meditate upon your Tarot Keys. The Tarot symbolism offers suggestions to your subconsciousness. Each detail of these symbols carries a direct message, an <u>inner</u> meaning to the subconscious, to be translated into growth and development for the physical body and the mind. Behind each Tarot Key is the reinforcement of the mass consciousness of Initiates, Adepts and Masters who have used and are using these ancient Keys as instruments for their own development. They speak in the language of the Angels. As they harmonize with the Primal Will, they cannot be misunderstood.

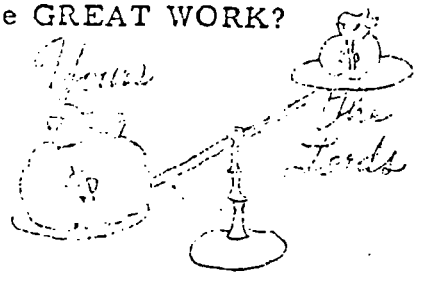
If you truly desire to meditate, you will do so. Desire is the incense upon the Altar of your heart. May its sweet odor guide you to the flame which Lights the Way to Illumination.

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From the PAUL CASE NOTEBOOK

THE SECRET OF ETERNAL YOUTH

The chief difficulty most people experience is their inability to enjoy the present because of vain regrets. The cause lies in the tendency to believe that the word "youth" refers only to the period of years between birth and the age of twenty-five.

The industrial world developed the slogan, "Youth must be served." That is right, youth is always served. But what is youth? Is it not a state of mind? We call the boy or girl in their teens who are slow dullards, "old men and women." On the other hand, who is younger than Grandma Moses?

What is more valuable than youthful ideas in developed minds?

I do not mean that it does not matter how old your body is if your mind is young. That is part of it, but not the whole truth. What has been said up to this point is intended to help you see that youth is not to be measured by years, but by the condition of mind and body, no matter how many birthdays one has had. Youthfulness in mind is indispensable but the secret of ETERNAL YOUTH includes the physical as well as the mental, and it is possible to retain physical youth far beyond the term of years that we now call old age.

What is more, not only may those of you who are on this side of middle life keep young, but those of you who have been caught by the race-hypnosis about age may begin to correct the false beliefs and habits which have impaired the efficiency of your bodies. Anyone past the age of forty can take twenty years off his present appearance if he faithfully puts into practice the principles contained herein.

The first essential is your point of view. I may say to you, "There is no death," but do you know what I mean? If you do not know what I mean, that statement will do you no good. If I say, "The body dies, but you live on," that for you during your life is merely a narcotic. It is something to dull your fear of death. But if you will make some simple experiments, you will rid yourself of the false notions at the root of growing old. You will stop identifying yourself with your physical body. You will know that the body is a vehicle for the LIFE-POWER whcih is the real YOU!

The body is so accustomed that when the mind is right - - - and by mind I mean every phase of mind, not only subconsciousness, but the intellect as well, for even corns on the feet are caused by mind when it is too ignorant to pick out the right kind of shoes - - - every organ and part can be renewed every day of your life. Living can and should be a perpetual process of renewal instead of a slow process of dying, as it is with most people.

The scientist says the whole physical structure of the universe is made of electricity, there is nothing else but electricity. He makes no exceptions. What he says applies to human bodies as much as to everything else. The biologist says that the cells out of which our bodies are built are capable of living on indefinitely. At Johns Hopkins they have a chicken-heart beating away in a salt solution that has outlived ten generations of chickens. Sober-minded scientists have drawn from this one experiment the conclusion that if it were possible to keep the chemical environment of our body-cells properly balanced, they too, would go on living indefinitely.

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THE SECRET OF ETERNAL YOUTH

There are men and women walking the earth today who have already outlived more than ten generations . . . men and women who move about from one part of the world to another and change their names in order to avoid the notoriety that would be forced upon them by the fact that they never grow old. They recognize their bodies as vehicles. The scientist doesn't. He thinks the body is all there is and regards mind as merely a result of electrical activity of the brain.

It is because scientists think that way that a chicken-heart in a bottle of salt water can outlive a scientist. Before you can do anything physically to overcome old age you must get the point of view that conscious energy is all there is, and bodies are simply the result of the electrical activity of mind.

To attain that view-point is your first step. Looking at your Tarot Keys as instructed in your lessons is the means to this end. The idea does not come naturally. It is contradicted by too many appearances, by the false notions in the mass-mind. But it CAN be built up by continual repetition of pictorial suggestions in the Tarot Keys.

It does not matter if you do not see it that way at once. You will come to see it if you look at your Tarot Keys every day. This is because every picture in the series was designed by people who SEE LIFE that way, and who have embodied their vision in every single Tarot Key.

Besides this, you must impress upon your hearts, not merely upon your surface memory, the eleven statements of Truth about the Self, in what we call the PATTERN ON THE TRESTLEBOARD.

Next, you must remember upon rising every morning, that it was not you, but your body that went to sleep. Think of it this way, "My body has had a good night's rest. It is ready to serve me today. I am the rider in this vehicle and I know enough to keep it in repair." Then say your eleven statements, not as a physical body but as an Eternal Being using a body and impressing its point-of-view on every single cell.

After you are dressed, feed your body. Think of it that way. Not, "I'm going to eat," but, "I'm going to feed my body and I'm going to select the food my body needs, the kind that will provide every element required to repair its cells and maintain the chemical conditions required for indefinite prolongation of their existence."

Make your body do things for you all day long. In your association with others, remember, those who have not the Eternal Youth consciousness are going to continually give you suggestions that will contradict your point of view. Don't resent it. They have not seen the point. Don't give them a chance to argue with you. If they were ready for this Wisdom, they would be studying Tarot. Accidents don't just happen. When people say things counter to what you know, use the occasion as an opportunity to remind yourself that you are in control of your vehicle, the body, and that you are the one who determines the kind of suggestions it is going to accept.

START NOW AND GROW YOUNG!!!

A MAGIC CARPET

by Brenda Anderson
Apprentice Builder

I remember the day my child entered Kindergarten - his eyes wide and shining with wonder; his lips, alternately pouring forth questions, then shutting tight as he thought over the exciting answers; his feet dancing with anticipation at the thrill of entering the new world of School. That's the way I feel as a new Pronaon and Apprentice Builder of B. O. T. A.

Like any pre-school child, I had studied and learned many things before starting the study of Tarot and the Holy Qabalah with B. O. T. A. Without a planned method of study, a definite form of teaching, I was like an inexperienced swimmer caught in a whirlpool.

Pronaos is not only a continuation and enlargement of the B. O. T. A. studies, it is also a way in which Apprentice Builders exchange ideas with each other as they tread the Path of Return together. It is an opportunity to meet other Wayfarers whose individual experiences can be likened to the wonderful wanderings of every fabled traveller seeking the treasures of Life. Each of us is a Jason or a Sinbad or Ulysses and every Pronaos meeting is as thrilling to me as the retelling of the 1001 tales from the Arabian Nights.

How wonderful to find oneself a member of such an interesting and dedicated group! May I prove worthy of the privilege and deserving of the pleasure in sharing in the GREAT WORK!

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THOUGHT

By every THOUGHT you mould your SOUL,
Which from the WHOLE exacts a toll,
That will just fill the impressed mould
Which CONTEMPLATION thus does hold.

GOD your answer is bound to pay;
The Law's exact, the same, alway.
For GOD is YOU and YOU are HE,
Just like a drop is to the sea.

Know that to think is to create,
And you will love instead of hate;
For when you think, you make a mould
The Law will fill, if you but hold.

(From MASTERY by Retsama.)

QUESTIONS FROM OUR MEMBERS

QUES. The Bible says: "Love your enemies." Luke 6:27. I have been most cruelly used and find this very difficult to do. Can you help me?

ANS. Jesus is popularly regarded as having been a great idealist. A more just estimate of His life and teachings reveals Him as the Supreme Realist. He was no dreamer. His doctrine was based on His own first-hand experience and its truth was demonstrated by what He did. "The things I do, ye shall do also, and greater things," is a promise for here and now, as were all His promises.

The world of His day did not accept Him. The world of today continues to reject Him. This rejection is often disguised as admiration for His ideals. But He was not concerned with ideals. He came to teach a method. His purpose was to set men free from the delusions whence all errors spring. He knew the falsity of appearances and warned his hearers never to judge anything or any man by appearances. He knew the delusion of personal separateness is what holds men in bondage. Thus all His practical instruction has to do with ways whereby we may rid ourselves of the arrogant self-assertion which is at the root of all the evils that beset mankind.

He knew that relatively few persons have ears to hear this message. Over and over again He said "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." For He was too wise in the ways of the human heart not to know that His words would have no meaning to persons caught in the inertia of the mass-mind, the webb of the Great Delusion. It is this same delusion which prevents us from understanding that what seems to be the unattainable ideals of Jesus are actually simple, workable rules for everyday living.

"Love your enemies" is one of these rules. So long as we persist in regarding it as an ideal, we shall never be able to put it into practice. When we look upon it as a fundamental principle, we shall be able to avail ourselves of the power it puts at our disposal.

To begin with, this rule implies what is perfectly true, namely, that our emotions can be controlled. We can love anyone or anything, if we make up our minds to do so. This does not mean we will be successful 100 per cent in our first attempts. First attempts seldom are. But, on the other hand, if we understand that we are developing a skill, even our failures will, if they are carefully analyzed show us how to do better.

If we are to love our enemies successfully, we must do more than thinking and very much more than talking. We must practice acting beneficently toward the very persons who are inimical to us. Not always can we actually do good things for them. Sometimes we can only bless them. But whenever we can really do something, we should take immediate advantage of the opportunity.

Of all the powers, love is the greatest. It is the INVINCIBLE POWER. God loves the world into existence, sustains it by love and through love will bring it to perfection. The whole universe is run by the power of love.

What Jesus came to tell the world was that if we do as God does we share His power. To love our enemies is therefore the one way to overcome them.

This is as true of adverse conditions as it is of antagonistic persons. For every such condition is really an opportunity to demonstrate the truth that seated in the heart of man is the Ruling Principle of the universe, superior to all conditions, master of them all. If we really understand this truth, we shall soon be able to express positive love toward every condition.

But the average person does not seem to understand this at all. Hence we hear expressions of all sorts of bitter hatreds. One will denounce heresy, another war, another gambling, etc., to say nothing of the so-called Crusader who declares a holy war. But, who among them will say: "If we are to get rid of the vicious we must begin by blessing the vicious?" Who will remind us of Jesus' own command, "Judge not," and warn them against thinking ill of others?

In sober truth "Love your enemies" always works when we work it. Nothing can withstand the power of active love. Nothing ever has been able to withstand it. All appearances to the contrary notwithstanding, the man who truly loves all his enemies is free from every kind of bondage, and triumphs over every kind of opposition.

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PRONAOS REPORT

by Elinor M. Person
Artisan

Rev. Joseph Cook travelled all the way from Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, to Los Angeles for the privilege of becoming an Apprentice Builder. This privilege was not one-sided however, because, although it is a privilege to be chosen to serve, it is also a privilege to serve those who serve. Therefore, our Pronaons were delighted and honored to have Rev. Cook join us for his Pronaos Initiation. He was also Installed in the Office of Consecrator and Treasurer of Wisconsin Pronaos # 201. We were truly sorry that Rev. Cook could not stay with us a little longer and we do hope that he will soon return and bring his lovely wife, Rev. Alice Cook, with him. We sincerely hope that he enjoyed his visit with us as much as we enjoyed having him. Members living in the vicinity of Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, desiring more information about Pronaos # 201 can write to Rev. Joseph & Alice Cook, Healers' Institute, Inc., Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

A hearty welcome to John E. Fall, Lola Jacobi, Opha De Witt Peters, and John & Ann Spencer, recent Initiates who added their Light to ours.

Did you know an absent Apprentice Builder dims the Light of a Pronaos?

Pronaos Initiations are held the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. Those wishing to participate in this highly esoteric ceremony must apply at least one week prior to the date of Initiation. To become a Pronaon, one must be a member in good standing with B. O. T. A. (Membership dues paid up to date.) All Associate Builders have the privilege of visiting Pronaos Classes any Tuesday evening (except the first Tuesday of the month) prior to joining Pronaos. Visits as a non-Pronaon are limited to three in one year. Visiting Pronaos does not obligate you to join.

Pronaons are Apprentice Builders. Their motto is: "Apprentice Builders are Active Builders." Come join us and add your Light to ours!

PRONAOS REPORT Cont'd.

by Elinor M. Person
Artisan

The traditional Ceremony of Installation of Pronaos Officers was held at Los Angeles Pronaos # 1 on March 19th. Many of our members and friends witnessed this beautiful esoteric ritual which is held once a year and is the only Mystical Ritual open to the public.

Artisan Elinor M. Person was privileged to install the following Officers: Lola Darling, Consecrator; Catherine Brown, Secretary of the Board of Trustees; Don Brown, Guide; Max Brown, Keeper of the Southern Chaos; and Toni Benjamin, Keeper of the Northern Chaos. It was a truly inspiring occasion to see these dedicated Apprentice Builders walk to the East to take their Oath of Office and receive their robes and insignias. We wish them success and happiness with their new responsibilities.

Immediately following the Installation Ceremony, our beloved Prolocutor General, Rev. Ann Davies, gave a significant discourse on the importance of Pronaos membership.

Everyone stayed to share the goodies donated by our Pronaons. A most pleasant time was had by all as we took advantage of the opportunity to visit and get better acquainted with each other.

The Officers and members extend their heartfelt gratitude to all our beloved Pronaons who contributed so generously with goodies and loving labor to our little social gathering.

Lola Jacobi was Installed on May 4th as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. P. Marie Daigle, who formerly held that Office is no longer with us. We know our dedicated Lola will do a wonderful job and we are all very happy that she has accepted this very important Office. Good luck Lola, and much happiness in your new venture!

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OCCULT DICTIONARY

Almanzor - The invincible.

Almery - Recess in wall of church in which sacred vessels are kept.

Almonry - The place where the almoner resides, or where alms are distributed.

Alms - Gifts to the poor.

Alnaschar's Dream - Counting your chickens before they are hatched.

Alocer - A powerful demon.

Aloe - A very bitter plant.

Aloka - Hindu goddess, a personification of Light.

Alomancy - Divination by means of salt.

Alpha - The first letter of the Greek Alphabet. Metaphysically: "I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end."

Alphabet - This is the only word of more than one syllable compounded solely of the names of letters.

Alpheus & Arethusa - The Greek legend is that a youthful hunter named Alpheus was in love with the nymph Arethusa. She fled from him to the Island of Ortygia and he was turned into a river of Arcadia. Alpheus pursued her under the sea, and, rising in Ortygia, he and she became one in the fountain hereafter called Arethusa.

Alphitomancy - A method of divination. Wheat or barley cakes were used as a kind of trial by ordeal. The guilty person supposedly could not swallow such cakes and was consequently condemned. Actually, fear does stop the flow of saliva and naturally one consumed by fear, caused by guilt or otherwise, would have trouble swallowing a dry cake. (Editor).

Alphonsin - An old surgical instrument for extracting bullets from wounds.

Alphonsine Tables - A revision of the Ptolemaic Planetary Tables made at the command of Alphonsus X of Castile - himself a noted astronomer.

Alphone Louis Constant (1809 - 1875) - A Frenchman who, under the name of Eliphas Levi wrote a series of books on magic.

Alpine Race - This is another name for the large Celtic Race and is applied to the thick-set men, with broad faces, hazel eyes, and light chestnut hair who inhabitated the Northwest extremity of France, Savoy, Switzerland, the Ardennes, Vosges and the Biscayen Coasts. They were a midway race between the Scandinavian Nordics and the dark Mediterranean folk; the zenith of their culture was the so-called La Tene period. (500B. C. -A. D. 1).

Al Rakim - The dog in the legend of the SEVEN SLEEPER OF EPHESUS.

Alruna, wife - The Alrunes were the Lares or Penates of the ancient Germans. An Alruna wife was the household goddess.

Alsatia - The Whitefriars district of London which from early times until the abolition of all privileges in 1697 was the sanctuary for debtors and law-breakers.

Al Sirat (Arab.) - The path in Mohammedan mythology, the bridge leading to paradise; a bridge over mid-hell no wider than the edge of a sword, across which all who enter heaven must pass.

Altar (Lat.) - High. A high place. The oblong block or table made of wood, marb or other stone, consecrated and used for religious sacrifice. In Christian Churches the term is applied to the communion table. According to the rubr

laid down in the BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER the celibrant at Holy Communion shall stand at the north side of the table, thus sideways to the communicants who can in this way observe his motions in the act of consecration. This was enacted in order to do away with the alleged mystery of the Mass, but it is not always observed today. In Egypt, Altars were made of polished granite or basalt. In Mesopotamia, of sun-dried bricks and gold (the latter have disappeared). In Palestine, circular spaces marked by small stones were used. The Old Testament shows differences due to development. Altars were usually set up where there appeared to have been a manifestation of Diety. In Greece and Rome, Altars were of two kinds, (a) pedestals inside the temples, before sacred images, so low that the worshipper could kneel on them and (b) larger tables for burnt sacrifices, usually in front of the temples. The pagan altar gradually found its way into the Christian Church. The early Christians were taunted by the pagans for having no altars. "The Altar," replied Origen, "is the heart of every Christian." In the Catacombs the bench-like tombs (arcosolia) were probably used as Altars, the earliest being made of wood, but more costly materials were used as persecution ceased. In the Catholic Church, the Altar consists of a stone slab or table (mensa); the support, usually columns (stipes); and the sepulchrum, a cavity for relics of martyrs. The "high" Altar is the principal cathedral Altar. The Reformation caused Altars to be regarded as symbols of the unreformed doctrine and in the English revised parayer-book of 1552 "God's board" or "The table" was substituted for "Altar."

Altar Building To The Lord - A symbol of the setting up in the mind, of a structure of spiritual idealism on which the lower qualities may be sacrificed for the sake of the higher.

Altar Cloth - The covering of silk, velvet, linen, etc., over the Altar.

Altar ego - (Lat.) - One's second self; one's double; one's intimate & thoroughly trusted friend; one who has full power to act for another; the other I, or self.

Altar Fire - A symbol of the Soul in its complete and perfect, but latent, condition at the commencement of the evolutionary cycle. It requires to be evolved by the Spirit (Fire) from within it. On many Altars a fire is kept constantly burning to symbolize the Eternal Light; Diety.

Altar of the Goddess - A symbol of the buddhic function in accepting and transmuting the offerings of the lower nature.

Altar Ground - A symbol of the lower nature which serves as a means whereby the egos are enabled to build up from it, the structure (altar) of their higher nature.

Altar Lights - Symbolic candles placed upon the Altar.

Altar, North side of - The side on which the Gospel is read. The North is symbolic of the dark part of the earth, and the Gospel is the Light of the world which shineth in the darkness.

Altar-piece - The decorative screen behind the Altar.

Privileged Altar - In Roman Catholic Churches this is an Altar with certain indulgences attached to all Masses for the dead said at it.

Altar Rails - Railings separating the sacraium from the chancel.

Altar of Sacrifice - A symbol of a structure of the religious consciousness in the highest part of the lower nature, on which the lower desires and aims are offered up to the Supreme Goodness. (Budd.) Any Altar upon which a sacrifice is offered up to God or the gods such as the Egyptian and Roman.

Altaration (Lat.) - In Aristotle's philosophy, change of quality, as distinguished from quantity (growth & diminution) and from change of place.

Altis - The sacred precinct of Zeus at Olympia containing the great temple and oval altar of Heracum, with many other buildings and statues.

Altrunes - Among the ancient Teutonic tribes, female demons believed to have been of Hun origin.

Alush (Heb) - wild place; desolation. One of the camping places of the Israelites in the wilderness. (Num. 33:13).

Alvah -(Heb) - sublimation.

Alvan (Heb.) - sublime; tall. Son of Shobal, a descendent of Seir the Horite. (Gen. 36:23).

Ama - Terasu, or Tenshodaijin, the sun-goddess. A symbol of Wisdom, the principle of buddhi. The same as the Holy Spirit of the West.

Amad -(Heb.) - people of duration; enduring. A border town in the allottment of Asher near Allammelech. (Josh. 19:26).

Amal (Heb.) - labor; laboring. A descendant of Asher, in the land of Canaan. (1 Chron. 7:35.)

Amalek (Heb.) - warlike; valley dweller. Son of Eliphaz. (Gen. 36:12).

Amam (Heb.) - gathering place. A City of Judah. (Josh. 15:26).

Amana (Heb.) - constant; permanent; integrity.

Amasa (Heb.) - burden; burden-bearer.

Amazons - A mythical race of warlike females said to have come from the Caucasus and to have settled in the country about the river Thermoden. Thei country was inhabited only by the Amazons who were governed by a Queen. In order to propagate their race, they met once a year the Gargarians in Mount Caucasus.

Ambarvalia - A Roman feast held on May 29 to bless the growing crops.

Ambo, Ambon - A reading desk which served also as a pulpit in the early Christian Churches. It was later superseded by the lectern & pulpit.

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WHAT IS DESIRE?

by The Rev. Ann Davies
Prolocutor General

In Qabalah, the Desire nature is assigned to the Seventh Divine Emanation called "VICTORY." A proper understanding of this Divine urge of the human heart which Man experiences as Desire is an essential to every Aspirant.

In many Eastern Philosophies, the disciple is advised to "kill out desire." The Western School of Occultism holds that killing out desire is tantemount to committing spiritual suicide, (at least temporarily), for it is in the very desire nature that the drive towards evolution and expansion of consciousness resides. Qabalistically, the Victory, which is brought about through proper use of the desire nature, is assigned to Venus which is the compliment and the polarity of Mars, the Volitional aspect of consciousness. In essence, then, Desire comes from Love (Venus), and is the hidden power behind the Will, (Mars or Volition).

When God wills certain evolutionary developments in a Center of Expression, the particular human consciousness involved experiences this Divine Will as a specific desire. This desire moves in the human heart as the need for a definite experience. The type of experience a person pictures as a result of feeling this emotional need is built up in accordance with the evolutionary level of that individual. For example, suppose that a man is in love with a woman, or vice versa. Suppose that this man feels the deep desire to be loved and accepted by the one he has chosen to be his mate. It is apparent that the Divine Will is moving in this man to bring him the experience of fulfilled love. The desire is truly a promise. BUT NOT NECESSARILY IN THE DIRECTION THAT THE UNDEVELOPED HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS HAS CHOSEN!

Some atoms "marry" very readily to form elements, and some atoms enter into very unstable relationships which will break quickly under the proper conditions. Some chemicals form readily into compounds when "married" to other chemicals, and then again, certain chemicals when joined will bring about destruction and great damage. Neither the atoms or chemicals are "evil." They merely are not designed by their Creator to join together in stable and lasting expressions, though they often serve a temporary "good."

Man must evolve his discrimination and develop enough wisdom so that though he recognizes the Unity of all Life, and loves all of Creation, human and otherwise, he can still know which human beings have the basic spiritual affinities for constructive and lasting fulfillment in personal relationships, and which human beings have been unstable and only temporarily "good." To grieve for that which did not or does not hold the deepest constructive purpose in mutual love and acceptance, or to cling to a destructive relationship is a misuse of the desire nature. Only as we become inwardly free from destructive negative attachments do we find the true Divine Guidance that points our Will and Action towards the true fulfillment of desire. Even those who cling to the unwholesome patterns will develop discrimination in time, and even these are destined for fulfillment of desire sometime in the eternal NOW. When we stop clinging to the patterns of yesterday ... only then do we open the gateway wide for the true fulfillment of the deepest heart's yearning. May this Beauty be yours.

THE LAW OF SUPPLY

by Harriet B. Case
Grand Cancellaria

To invoke the Law of Supply . . . i.e., receive the benefits we need and desire, we must, as I mentioned in a previous article, first express our gratitude to, and praise of, the Lord of Life. But this attitude of mind and heart, while essential, is not enough. To receive, we must also give. Aside from such material gifts as may be in our power to convey to those in need, we must also give on the spiritual plane. This means the gifts of our love, prayers, time and thought to all whose lives touch ours. Nor should we give any thought of personal return. Holding condemnation toward none, we must give to all in need regardless of whether we consider them deserving or not.

Remember that "as ye give so shall ye receive." Two lines from a poem express this law: "Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you. Give love and love to your heart shall flow as balm in your greatest need."

The supply of all needful things, whether material or spiritual, is boundless and inexhaustible. Money, jobs, homes, clothes, helpful and loving human relationships, health, etc. . . . all have their source on the inner mental-spiritual plane which is the mind and heart of God. But we mesmerize ourselves by worldly thinking into accepting the outward and negative appearances of things.

Even as within the heart of each of us resides a "spark of God" . . . even as "in Him we live and move and have our being," so are we also His sons and daughters. There is nothing lacking in our lives because in reality all is already ours. We but lack the faith to know it. We are like a King's sons and daughters who sit around in rags while all around us is all the human heart could desire. Pray, therefore, for more faith and a deeper and more certain realization of our indissoluble link and union with God, the Lord of Life.

The way to keep in contact with Eternal Supply is to act as if we were perfectly sure of it. Fear and Doubt are barriers to supply. Remember that even as you would not give a child everything it cried for, neither will the Lord of Life, whose reflection is our Higher Self, give us everything we want and often mistakenly believe we need or should have. Right discrimination must also prevail in our needs and desires.

To sum up, having given of your best to life, have faith in the limitless abundance of your Source of Supply and hold gratitude in your heart towards the Giver of All Good. Should you feel that you are not receiving all you need and want, look first to your own out-put, then meditate upon your own discrimination, and last, but certainly not least, have absolute faith in God's Wisdom in bringing you whatever His supernal Knowledge decides is best for you.

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Who is a man of piety and yet a fool? He, for example, who sees a woman drowning, but says, "It is unseemly for me to touch her, and therefore I cannot pull her out."
(From THE WISDOM OF ISRAEL, An Arthology by Lewis Browne.)

THE AGNOSTIC

by Felix J. Frazer
Grand Prolocutor

An agnostic, according to the dictionary, is one who believes that nothing is known or can be known about the existence of God. An atheist goes further by denying His existence. These latter are best left to their own devices as "one convinced against his will is of the same opinion still." However, much can be done to help the agnostic since by definition he doesn't close the door on evidence, he merely believes that evidence cannot be produced.

Obviously we cannot place God at the far end of a telescope or examine Him under a microscope. Excepting those who can experience God directly, all others must infer His existence. A body of evidence outside of usual human experience can be built up to establish such an inference. Thus an ever widening crack in the door of doubt can be established.

I speak from experience because I myself was an agnostic. But I was also trained in the sciences. Such people are curious by nature. Also we know that the seemingly impossible of today turns out to be the common place of tomorrow.

This body of evidence that I speak of, this crack in the door of doubt, is scientific psychic research. I do not use the term "scientific" loosely. It means, among other things, meticulously careful experiments and unbiased observations by a disciplined mind trained in exact observation.

The average agnostic doesn't know, or hasn't looked into, the vast amount of scientific work and observation done in the various fields of psychic phenomena. Nor will space here allow even a cursory description and analysis of the results obtained, in many countries in the past 75 years or so, by men and women who hold preeminent positions in their respective sciences.

I have worked in the psychic research fields for some 30 years and have had the privilege of working with such men as Hereward Carrington, Hamlin Garland Stuart Edward White, and many others. My matured opinion, based on these years of patient research, is that very few facts of every-day experience are better established and known by workers in these fields than, for instance, the post-death survival of human consciousness, memory and personality; the so-called faith or miracle cure; the vast fields of ESP. Even re-incarnation has, in the past two decades, come a long way to being scientifically established.

My suggestion to you who may be an agnostic, or know one whom you wish to help, is never to start in by reading religion or even metaphysics. Instead, refer to the great body of literature which exists in these fields of psychic research. There are many excellent books on the subject which should be read and digested before personal sceance or other such experiences are attempted. Certainly the writings of Crooks, Crawford, Geley, Shrenk-Netzing, Carrington, Lodge, and many more cannot be brushed off as wishful dreaming. Such men may dream, but not in the laboratory!

This literature, possibly later supplemented by some personal experiments, should start the crack in the door referred to above. Remember that God doesn't stay in hiding even for agnostics and atheists. One must knock on the door of knowledge and enlightenment if one wishes to uncover the treasures on the other side.



NEWS NOTES
by your Roving Reporter

Los Angeles Pronaos # ONE is proudly displaying a lovely new Cup of Purification. This sterling silver Cup, more than one hundred years old, is the generous gift of our Purifier, Mary Alpaugh. It belonged to her grandmother who gave it to her Church. In those days Churches had one Communion Cup which was passed from one member of the congregation to the other, each taking a sip from the same Cup.

As time passed and we became aware of necessary sanitation and health laws, this custom was abandoned for the individual Communion Cup. The Church then returned the silver Cup to Mrs. Slack (Mary Alpaugh's grandmother) and it remained in the family ever since.

We thank our dear Mary for such a loving gift. Knowing its history makes it even more precious for us.

We have had so many visitors at Headquarters these last few months that lack of space prevents us from listing their names. It was a great privilege and pleasure to meet and welcome then. We hope they will be able to visit us soon again and those who have not been able to visit us as yet, will find a warm welcome awaiting them. The Temple and Headquarters Office is open every week-day except Monday and Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Sunday Services are 11:00 A.M.

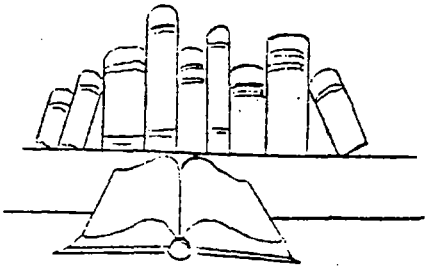
Local members who have not yet attended our Sunday Services are really missing a treat. Our Spiritual Leader, the Rev. Ann Davies is an outstanding lecturer on Tarot and the Holy Qabalah, an adept of the Ancient Wisdom which she shares so inspiringly.

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RECOMMENDED READING

SONGS OF A PHOENIX by Gunhild Tiberg Bodle (Fellow Builder)
BOOK OF THE DEAD by Budge
BROTHER OF THE THIRD DEGREE by Garver
BETWEEN TWO WORLDS by Marie Corelli
THE CAT IN THE MYSTERIES OF RELIGION & MAGIC by M. Oldfielf Howey
THE CHAKRAS by Leadbeater
BULLFINCH'S MYTHOLOGY
CHILDREN OF MU by Chrurchward

When we read a book we travel with the soul of another man. Therefore, we should be careful of with whom we travel.



THE ETERNAL CHRISTMAS

by Elinor M. Person
Executive Counselor

"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

The whole world over, these words have been read during this Holy Season, and every Christmas day for century after century. They are the words of angels, not the words of men . . . the words of beings whose consciousness of space and time are different from ours and different from that of all but a few great men and women in every generation since Jesus walked the earth. The angels and saints live in eternity. Most of us are bound by the chains of time. The angels and saints are free from the limitations of place which hold most of us to the spot where our physical bodies happen to be.

Cabalists know and believe in the real presence and power of the Living Christ. They accept Him as one who dwells here and now with us. They know that every point of His life on earth as told in the Gospel story is a type of His operation, here and now, in the souls of men and women. From Bethlehem to Calvary, and from Calvary to the Resurrection and Ascension, we know the life of Jesus the Christ to be not only a historical record but also a living experience in the lives of men and women who follow the Way He came to teach.

Most human beings relate themselves, sometimes with regret and sometimes with satisfaction, to the past. They look forward, sometimes with eager anticipation, sometimes with cringing dread, to the future. But the angels and those who truly follow the Way of the Christ relate themselves neither to the past nor the future. They live out the present with joyful hearts.

The present is, after all, the only true reality. Therefore does the Scripture tell us, Now is the acceptable time. Is not our yesterday, today? And is not the seed of our tomorrow, today? They who know this secret know that the birth of the Christ is always in the present tense. "Unto you is born this day, a Saviour." Not one who saves from the consequences of sin, or even from sin itself. It is far more than this. It is a Liberator who sets us free, releases all the latent possibilities of our essentially divine nature, points the way or method whereby we may ourselves reach the same heights to which He attained.

Unto YOU! Unto you all, whether you fully grasp the wonder of the angel's message or not, "Unto YOU, is born THIS DAY . . ." For in the consciousness of the angels, in the consciousness of saints, reality is the eternal life of the endless PRESENT. To enter it is to enter the Kingdom concerning which Jesus had so much to say. In vain do we listen to the annual rehearsal of Jesus' nativity if it fails to make us catch a glimpse of the Truth that the birth of the Liberator is a present reality in our lives.

"Unto YOU is born this day a Liberator, which is Christ the Lord." The Living Christ, as surely present here and now as ever He was in the manger in Bethlehem. Happy are you and I if this day we begin to realize the depth of meaning in these simple words. For they who have known that meaning, and have lived it, have passed out of death into Life Eternal, out of the limitation of our ordinary human consciousness into the freedom and power that come to earth forever on God's Eternal Christmas.

May the blessed message of Christmas be born this day in your heart.

From the PAUL CASE NOTEBOOK

THE SACRED TETRAGRAMMATON

The great name of the God of Israel occurs more than five thousand times in the Bible. Qabalists call it the Tetragrammaton, or quadriliteral name. Other divine names, such as A D N I, Adonai, and A H I H, Eheyeh are written with four letters, but there is only one Tetragrammaton. It is spelt Yod-Heh-Vav-Heh, in English letters, I H V H. In Exodus 3:15 we read: "This is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations." Solomon's wisdom is said to have been based on his understanding of this name. Thus 1 Kings 10:1 says: "And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of Jehovah, she came to prove him with hard questions." Solomon's temple was a house "built unto the name Jehovah" (1Kings 5:5). We read also in Proverbs 18:10 "The name Jehovah is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe."

Esoteric tradition ascribes peculiar power to this name and says that to pronounce it is to possess a key to all wisdom, and to exercise miraculous control over all the powers of nature. According to the Gospel of St. John, Jesus Himself shared the Hebrew belief in the great importance of the Tetragrammaton. In His prayer at the Last Supper, just before His crucifixion, His final words were: "And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Long before the beginning of the Christian Era this name had assumed such sacredness in the minds of the Jews that they never pronounced it when they came upon it in the reading of the Scriptures. Instead they uttered the name "Adonai," or else passed over the Tetragrammaton in silence. Once a year the high priest pronounced the Tetragrammaton in the Holy of Holies while the trumpets sounded loudly lest profane ears might hear. When the temple was destroyed and the sacrifice no longer made, the pronounciation of the Tetragrammaton was lost. It is not known whether or not the traditional pronounciation was preserved in any inner circle of Judaism or Christianity. We do know that the English "Jehovah" is certainly not the correct pronounciation, but there is no indisputable evidence that either "Yahweh" or "Yahveh," the forms now favored by a great many Hebrew scholars, was the true pronounciation.

Strictly speaking, the Tetragrammaton is not a name at all. It is a form of the Hebrew verb meaning "to be," and its true significance is: "That which was, that which is, that which will be." The writer of the Apocalypse evidently understood this, for the eighth verse of the first chapter of that mysterious book says: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." Throughout the New Testament, wherever the Greek noun kurios refers to God,, it is to be understood as meaning the Tetragrammaton, just as it does in the Greek version of the Old Testament where kurios is written in most places where the Hebrew text has I H V H.

We must not be confused by the fact that from the earliest times down to the present, the Hebrews supposed the Tetragrammaton to be the personal name of God. Throughout the Bible there are many passages which make it evident that this popular opinion was an error. What it really designates is the Eternal Reality, without making any effort to define what it really designates. The immensity of that ONE defies all human endeavors to define it. No human intel-

lect can comprehend it. No creed ever devised by human intellect can tell us what God is. Man can only come nearer to that Reality in feeling and in understanding. We feel that the affirmation "God is One," is nearer the truth than any form of polytheism. We find a great number of notions about God in various parts of the Bible which contains a record of human endeavors to understand God, ranging all the way from the thoughts of savage nomads to the profound insight of St. Paul. Yet all conflicting notions rest upon the basis which is given us in the true meaning of the Tetragrammaton. Whatever man may think about the nature of the Supreme Being, God Himself, is "That which was, that which is, and that which will be."

TO A FRIEND
by Grantland Rice

Others have you gifts worth the keeping,
All that I have is a song;
All that I have from the sowing and reaping,
Just a thin melody, lilting and leaping,
Blown from the dust where the twilight comes creeping
Where you may wander along;
Thrown to the winds where the open road gleams,
Made up of nothing but star dust and dreams.

Others have given you things to remember,
All that I have is a song;
Gray as the shadow-strung fields of November,
Dull as the glow of a slow-burning ember,
Thin as the first falling snows of December
Sent to you out of the throng;
Only a wandering, lyrical wraith,
Made up of nothing but friendship and faith.

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YOUR JOB!

Wherever you'r working, in office or shop,
And however far you may be from the top-
And though you may think your just treading the mill,
Don't ever belittle the job that you fill;
You'r just as important as some little gear
That meshes with others in some big machine,
That helps keep it going - though never is seen.
They could do without you - we'll have to admit -
But business keeps going on, when the big fellows quit!
And always remember, my lad, if you can,
The job's more important (Oh yes) - than the man!
So if its your hope to stay off the shelf,
Think more of your job than you do of yourself.
Your job is important - don't think that its not -
So try hard to give the best that you've got!
And don't think ever you'r of little account -
Remember, you'r part of the total amount.
If they didn't need you, you wouldn't be there -
So, always, my lad, keep your chin in the air.
A digger of ditches, mechanic or clerk -

THINK WELL OF YOUR COMPANY, YOURSELF AND YOUR WORK!

(Author unknown)

THE QUESTION BOX

QUES. Can you give something on the symbology of the Cube?

ANS. The basis of the cube is a square. Thus in occult numeration its foundation is the number Four, the sacred tetrad or quarternary.

Each face of the cube has four right angles. Thus each face represents 360 degrees. As a cube has six faces, we find it represents 2160 degrees. It takes 2160 years for the procession of the equinoxes through one sign of the Zodiac.

There are 8 points to a cube, 12 lines and six faces. The sum of these numbers is 26, the number of the Tetragrammaton.

The Pythagoreans treated the points as 1, the lines as 2, and the surfaces as 3. Thus the cube gives 8 as the symbolic number of points, 24 as the symbolic number of lines and 18 as the symbolic number of faces: 1 x 8 equals 8; 2 x 12 equals 24; and 3 x 6 equals 18. The sum of these sums equal 50: 8 plus 24 plus 18 equals 50. This is the number of seconds of the precession of the equinoxes per year.

If we multiply the numbers of the points, lines and faces of the cube, we get 576, the square of 24. This number is also 4 x 144 which can be developed in many ways, the 4 being the number of the Qabalistic Worlds and 144 as the number of man. 576 equals MQLVTh.

The Qabalistic extension of 8 equals the number of ALH and from this are derived all the esoteric meanings of the extension of 36, which is 666, the number of the Beast in Revelations.

The extension of 12 is 78 which is MLCH, salt, which is significant because salt crystallizes in cubes. 78 is also the number of Keys in the Tarot pack.

The extension of 6 equals 21 which is the number of AHIH. This is also the number of the Tarot Keys bearing numbers. Zero is not a number.

The Pythagorean numbers of the cube, 8, 24 and 18, when multiplied togethe produce the significant number 3456, in which the first three digits represent the proportions of the Pythagorean triangle, while the last is the special number of the faces of the cube. This is also 24 x 144. The addition of the digits is 18 which is the number of ChI, Life. Multiplied together, these digits give 360, the number of degrees in a circle and the days in the ancient Egyptian year.

The cube is the unit of crystallization in the ancient planetary metals: iron, copper, silver, gold, lead and mercury. Tin is the only one of the planetary metal: which does not crystallize on a cubic basis.

The cube is the Holy of Holies which was 10 cubits every way. Consequently in this connection, the symbolism of the cube shows that figure as having six faces 10 x 10 and the whole surface of the cube shows 600 equal divisions. Thus the cube may be thought of as containing 1000 smaller cubes.

The Cube of Space represents the Universe and through the Tarot techniques we learn to live from within that Universe. The Cube shows that all aspects of life have relative values by the astrological, numerical and chemical aspects and their

relations. The Cube with its 8 points, 12 lines and 6 faces symbolizes the Unity of the One Reality manifested in all appearances of the physical Universe as well as in man himself.

Tarot, step by step, reveals the living tapestry of creation, the existence and destiny of the universe and humanity. In the Cube of Space we find the clue, through the lines of force, which enables us to reach the innermost point of our personal cube; the Holy of Holies, the Shekinah of the Temple not built by hand.

QUES: Why do the B. O. T. A., Tarot teachings not include divination by the Tarot Keys?

ANS: Divination can never be accurate. Although all will is the Will of God, man does have freedom of choice. The man, who today walks in ignorance and is content to do so, may suddenly have his desire for Truth and Light stimulated to such a degree that he will turn away from the path of ignorance to that of Truth and Light. He thereby changes and modifies his future. Each of change and modify our futures by every thought, word and deed we express and manifest. As our thoughts, words and deeds change constantly because of what we learn, so does our Karma which is our future. How then can the future be predestined?

If so-called fortune tellers were so wise, they would not need to read your future at $1.00 or $5.00 per reading.

Tarot techniques show you the Way, teach you how to travel it, and give you the tools whereby you can make your future whatever you desire it to be.

Would you truly like to know your future? Look into the mirror of your Soul. It is reflected there.

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PRONAOS REPORT

by Elinor M. Person
Artisan

The Fall opening of Los Angeles Pronaos # 1 was welcomed by all our enthusiastic Pronaons. We have now entered the Tarot Fundamentals Course and all Active Builders who are not absent for more than one class per month will be eligible to take the Initiation at the end of this Course. They will then have earned their Pronaos Aprons which they will receive at the Initiation.

All B. O. T. A., members are eligible for Pronaos membership. Pronaos Initiations are held the first Tuesday of each month. Those wishing to participate in this beautiful, esoteric ritual should apply at least one week prior to the date of Initiation for Pronaos membership. These mystical Initiations were given to our beloved Rev. Ann Davies, our Spiritual Leader, directly from the Inner School. It is a divine gift and an experience you will treasure all your lives.

Our Active Builders wish one and all a most Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Amdo - (Tib.) A sacred locality, the birthplace of Tson-kha-pa, the great Tibetan reformer and the founder of the Gelukpa (yellow caps), who is regarded as an Avatar of Amita-buddha.

Ame damnee (Fr.) Literally, a damned or lost soul; hence one's familiar or tool; one blindly devoted to another's wishes; and sometimes a scapegoat.

Amen: In Hebrew is formed of the letters A M N which equals 1, 40, 50 which equals 91, and is thus a simile of "Jehova Adonai" which equals 10, 5, 6, 5 and 1, 4, 50, 10 which gives the sum of 91. It is one form of the Hebrew word for "truth." In common parlance Amen is said to mean "so be it."

But, in esoteric parlance Amen means "the concealed". Manetho Sebennites says the word signifies that which is hiden and we know through Hecataeus and others that the Egyptians used the word to call upon their great God of Mystery, Ammon or "Ammas, the hidden god" to make himself conspicuous and manifest to them. Bonomi, the famous hieroglyphist calls his worshippers very pertinently the "Amenoph," and Mr. Bonwick quotes a writer who says "Ammon, the hidden god, will remain forever hidden till anthropomorphically revealed; gods who are afar off are useless." Amen is styled "Lord of the new-moon festival." Jehovah Adonai is a new form of the ram-headed god Amoun or Ammon, who was invoked by the Egyptian priests under the name of Amen.

Amen as an adjective signifies firm, and by a metaphor, faithful. So in Rev. 3:14, the Lord is called "the Amen, the faithful and the true Witness," where the last words explain the preceding appellation. In its adverbial use it means certainly, truly, surely. It is used at the beginning of a sentence by way of emphasis, frequently by Jesus, and is commonly translated Verily. In John's gospel alone, it is often used by him in this way, "Verily, verily." At the end of sentence it is often used singly or repeated, especially at the end of hymns and prayers; as "Amen and Amen," Psa. 41:13; 72:19; 89:52. The signification of it here is to confirm the words which have preceded it, assert the sincerity and invoke the fulfillment of them. Hence, in oaths, after the priest has repeated the words of the covenant or imprecation, all those who pronounce the Amen, bind themselves by the oath. Num. 5:22; Deut. 27:15.

Amen, or Amon (The Hidden One). A symbol of the Higher Self incarnate on the lower planes of the soul.

Amen Corner - At the West end of Paternoster Row, London, was where the monks used to finish the Pater Noster as they went in procession to St. Paul's Cathedral on Corpus Christi Day. They began in Paternoster Row with the Lord's Prayer in Latin which was continues to the end of the street; then said "Amen" at the corner or bottom of the Row; then turning down Ave Maria Lane, commenced chanting "Hail Mary!" then crossing Ludgate, entered Creed Lane chanting the Credo.

Paternoster Row, Amen Corner and much of Ave Maria Lane were completely destroyed in an air raid in Dec. 28, 1940.

Amen-Ra - (Eg.) The supreme King of the Gods among the ancient Egyptians, usually figured in human form, with two long upright plumes rising above his head, holding a sceptre and the symbol of life. The ram was sacred to him, and in this animal he was believed to be incarnate. He was the patron of Thebes; his oracle was at the oasis of Jupiter Ammon, and he was identified by the Greeks with Zeus.

Ameni - (Eg.) The Son of Man: A symbol of the Higher Self born in the Soul.

An Egyptian poet in the reign of Thothmes 3rd had said - A king shall come from the South, Ameni, the Truth-declaring by name. He shall be the son of a woman of Nubia and will be born in the South . . . He shall assume the crown of Upper Egypt, and lift up the red crown of the North. He shall unite the double crown. The people of the age of the Son-of-Man shall rejoice and establish his name for all eternity. He shall be removed far from evil and the wicked shall humble their mouths for fear of him." (from Papyrus 1116, St. Petersburg.) The words "son of man" are a literal translation of the original si-n-sa.

Amenthes -(Eg.) The Egyptian Hades. Also spelt Amenti. The abode of the spirits of the dead who are not yet purified.

Amenti - (Eg.) Esoterically and literally, the dwelling of the God Amen, or Amoun, the "hidden" secret god. Exoterically, the kingdom of Osiris divided into fourteen parts, each of which was set aside for some purpose connected with the after state of the dead. Among other things, in one of these was the Hall of Judgement. It was the "Land of the West," the "Secret Dwelling," the dark land, and the "doorless house." It was also Ker-neter, the "abode of the gods," and the "land of ghosts" like the "Hades" of the Greeks. It was laso the "Good Father's House" (in which there are many mansions)." The fourteen divisions comprised among many others, Aanroo, the hall of the Two Truths, the Land of Bliss, Neter-xer "the funeral (or burial) place," Otamer-xer, the "Silence-loving Fields," and also many other mystical halls and dwellings, one like the Sheol of the Hebrews, another like the devachan of the Hindus, etc., etc. Out of the fifteen gates of the abode of Osiris, there were two chief ones, the "gate of entrance" or Rustu, and the "gate of exit" (reincarnation) Amh. But there was no room in Amenti to represent the orthodox Christian Hell. The worst of all was the Hall of the Eternal Sleep and Darkness. As Lepsius has it, the dead "sleep" (therein) in incorruptible forms, they wake not to see their brethren, they recognize no longer father and mother, their hearts feel nought toward their wife and children. This is the dwelling of the god All-Dead . . . Each trembles to pray to him, for he hears not. Nobody can praise him, for he regards not those who adore him. Neither does he notice any offering brought to him." This god is Karmic Decree; the land of Silence - the abode of those who die absolute disbelievers, those dead from accident before their allotted time, and finally the dead on the threshold of Avitchi, which is never in Amenti or any other subjective state, save in one case, but on this land of forced re-birth. These tarried not very long even in their state of heavy sleep, of oblivian and darkness, but were carried more or less speedily toward Amh, the exit gate.

Amerdad - King of Vegetation. A symbol of the growth of forms on the astral plane, and concerned with the development of the instincts, feelings & desires.

Amesha Spentas - (Zend) Amshaspends. The six angels or divine Forces personified as gods who attend upon Ahura Mazda, of which he is the synthesis and the seventh. They are one of the prototypes of the Roman Catholic "Seven Spirits" or Angels with Michael as chief, or the "Celestial Host," the "Seven Angels of the Presence." They are the Builders, Cosmocrators of the Gnostics and identical with the Seven Prajapatis, the Sephiroth, etc.

Amethyst - A precious stone of a violet blue color, verging towards a bluish or reddish white. It is sledom uniform in color and is generally cloudy and spotted with zigzag stripes. The most beautiful specimens come from Ceylon, the East Indies, Siberia, and Saxony. It is very highly prized. Ex. 28:19; Rev. 21:20. (Gr.) -methuein - To be drunken. The amethyst is a violet-blue variety of crystalline quartz supposed by the ancients to prevent intoxication. Drinking cups made of amethyst were a charm against inebriety; and it was cherished of all precious stones by Roman matrons, from the superstition that it would preserve inviolate the affection of their husbands. It was one of the jewels in the breastplate of the Jewish priest. A birthstone for those born in the sign of Aries; 3/20 to 4/20.

Amha-Aretz: (Heb.) Peasantry. Used by the Talmud and thereafter to mean "ignorant."

Amidah: (Heb.) The "Standing Prayer" otherwise known as Shemoneh Esre.

Amiel - (Heb) The name is an anagram of Eliam (God is kinsman). Eliam in 2 Sam. 23:34; is son of Ahithophel, the Gilonite, and one of David's heroes; in 2 Sam. 11:3, it is given as the name of Bathsheba's father, which in Chron. 3:5 appears as "Ammiel."

Amitaugas Couch - Endless Splendor. A symbol of contemplation of the Supreme and repose upon the Infinite, when the consciousness is exalted to the buddhic plane.

Amittai - (Heb.) truthful; true. Father of Jonah, (11Kings 14:25; Jonah 1:1). Metaphysically: The tendency in us to adhere to that which we believe to be true. If this tendency is of the intellect alone, rather than of spiritual consciousness, we are apt to become narrow and condemnatory in our dealings with ourselves and others. Ammittai signifies in us that intellectual adherence to truthfulness which lacks the love and mercy that cover a multitude of short-comings. The Ammittai thought demands an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. This attitude causes an inner condemnation and a fearfulness that are destructive (Jonah) because as yet no man has attained that perfect state wherein he needs no longer to be dealt with forgivingly and mercifully. All hard judgement, even though it may be truthfully given so far as the outer man is concerned, comes back to one in the same measure in which it has been sent out.

Ammah - (Heb.) A (natural measure) cubit; a (natural) maternal nation; a metropolis; a people. A hill "that lieth before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon 2 Sam. 2:24.

Metaphysically, a place of agreement in consciousness, between the executive power of love (Joab, David's commander) and the conclusions of the somewhat spiritually enlightened intellect (Abner, captain of Saul's host). This agreement is based upon the innate knowing that all intelligence, whether of the heart or of the head, has a common source, Divine Mind, (maternal nation, a metropolis; a hill in Israel. (Abner, captain of Saul's host, represents the intellect, spiritually quickened in some degree. Joab, David's commander, is the inner pivotal center that preserves the unity and integrity of soul and body, the individual will. Abishai stands for the inherited law of destruction to all enemies of the natural man. Saul had been defeated and killed, and Abner was fleeing from Joab and Abishai. They met at the hill of Ammah. There Abner convinced Joab that he and Abishai and their men should not follow him further with intent to kill. The intellect must not be destroyed, even though it is functioning in unison with the ignorant, personal will - Saul. It must be raised to a higher plane of action and must learn to reason entirely from a spiritual instead of a material standpoint.

Ammi - (Heb.) My people; my flock; my troop; my servants. A symbolical name given to the redeemed people of Israel (Hos. 2:1). Metaphysically: The acknowledgement by Jehovah, the Christ or true self in us, that our Israel thoughts have become obedient to the true ideas of the mind of Spirit (my people). Formerly, they had given themselves over to belief in a formal religion, to belief in materiality

Ammiel - (Heb.) People of God; servants of God; my kinsman is God; my people is strong. The name of four Israelitish men; one of them was of the tribe of Dan, and was one of the twelve who were sent to spy out the land of Canaan. (Num. 13:12 2 Sam. 9:4; 1 Chron. 3:5; 26:5).

Ammihud - (Heb.) People of excellence; my kinsman is majesty; people of glory; people of praise; my people is honorable.

Amminadab - (Heb.) People of liberation; people of willing generosity; my people is abundance.

Ammishaddai - (Heb.) People of the Almighty; people of Providence; my kinsman is the Almighty. Father of Ahiezer. Jehovah chose Ahizer through Moses, to be leader of the tribe of Dan at the time of the numbering of the Israelites in the wilderness. (Num. 1:12).

Ammit Monster - A symbol of negation: that into which the lower illusion will finally descend, and by which it will be swallowed.

Ammizabad - (Heb.) People of endowment; people of the giving; my people is endowed; kindred of the giver. Son of Benaiah, who was a mighty man during David's reign. (1 Chron. 27:6).

Ammon - (Heb.) A great people; an extensive people; a fellow countryman. From Ben-ammi, son of the younger daughter of Lot (Gen. 19:38). The Ammonites were descended from him. A nation in eastern Palestine. They were related to the Israelites.

Ammon - (Eg.) One of the great gods of Egypt. Ammon or Amoun is far older than Amoun-Ra, and is identified with Baal. Hammon, the Lord of Heaven. Amoun Ra was Ra, the Spiritual Sun, the "Sun of Righteousness," etc., for - "the Lord God is a Sun." He is the God of Mystery and the hieroglyphics of his name are often reversed. He is Pan, All Nature esoterically, and therefore the universe, and the "Lord of Eternity." Ra, as declared by an old inscription, was "begotten by Neith but not engendered." He is called the "self-begotten" Ra, and created goodness from a glance of his fiery eye, as Set-Typhon, created evil. As Ammoun (also Amoun and Amen), Ra, he is "Lord of the worlds enthroned on the Sun's disk and zppears in the abyss of heaven." A very ancient hymn spells the name "Amen-ra," and hails the "Lord of the thrones of the earth. . . Lord of Truth, father of the gods, maker of man, creator of beasts, Lord of Existence, Enlightener of the Earth, sailing in heaven in tranquillity. . . all hearts are softened at beholding thee, sovereign of life, health and strength! We worship thy spirit who alone made us. . ." Ammon Ra is called "his mother's husband" and her son. .

AMMON - The Libyan Jupiter; the Greek form of the Egyptian god, Amun.

HEART-BEATS FROM HOME

by Rev. Elinor M. Person
Your Executive Counselor

It has been a busy summer here at Headquarters but a most creative one. Our beloved Prolocutor General has been occupied with plans for the Fall lectures to be given here at our Los Angeles Temple. She spent the month of September in seclusion, busy with highly esoteric work for B. O. T. A.

I would like to thank our student-members and friends in the San Francisco area for making my visit to their beautiful City so enjoyable and for contributing to the success of my lecture at the Hotel Sir Francis Drake. The welcome and cooperation, the many visitors while I was there and the innumerable kindnesses extended have left a warm glow in my heart.

The Grand Chapter sends their sincere congratulations and blessings to our Associate Builders who are organizing San Francisco Pronaos # 2. As soon as we have the names of the members who will fill the various Offices, they will receive their Pronaos Charter. The Officers will receive Certificates of Appointment from the Grand Chapter upon their Initiation. Los Angeles Pronaos and myself add our own congratulations, blessings and best wishes to this dedicated group of ACTIVE BUILDERS!

Student-members who are in the San Francisco area and who wish to avail themselves of the privilege of Pronaos membership may contact the Secretary of San Francisco Pronaos # 2 at: KAY WOLLEY, 714A BRODERICK ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. You need only be a B. O. T. A. member in good-standing (Dues paid up to-date) in order to become a Pronaon. It does not matter how recently you joined the Order nor where you are in the curriculum. All Associate members are welcome and will find Pronaos group work most helpful and inspiring.

Each act of LOVE builds a bridge across the abyss of ignorance to higher planes. In Pronaos Love reaches out and blends with sacred emotions. Souls can expand to attune with each other; blending, inspiring and strengthening. Thoughts reach out and merge, Knowledge is shared and Wisdom is gained. Thus are Spiritual bridges built which are the vehicles whereby we can help evolve the world.

The Quintessence, the L. V. X. , is the highest of the mysteries for the Seeker of Cosmic Consciousness. Through our studies and the Ritualistic Work of Pronaos, we find the Stone of the Wise. We manifest a better and brighter world, the kind of a world we want to see our children live in. We learn how to use the miraculous powers we each possess. We learn how to transmute every weakness within us and how to turn every seeming defeat into a Victory!

We are proud of the fine spirit of all our members who are continuing to maintain that Divine Heritage the Masters and Adepts of the past have left us, and who are adding to the growth and progress of B. O. T. A. in ALL ways. In our continued solidarity exists our strength, individually and collectively.

There is much activity in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin these days where our devoted Builders, Joseph and Alice Cook have been working hard to get a Pronaos started. All indications point to their getting their Pronaos Charter very soon. Members in that area can write them C/O HEALER'S INSTITUTE, INC., ELKHART LAKE, WISCONSIN.

Whispers and rumors are flying out our way from our members in San Jose, Calif., who have expressed a desire for a Pronaos in their area. And, Seattle, Wash., is sitting up and taking notice, too! We hope to have more to report from these areas in our next issue of Adytum News-Notes.

Remember, you only need a petition signed by tw elve active B. O. T. A. members to become eligible for a Pronaos Charter. Student-members who desire a Pronaos in their area can write the Executive Counselor at Headquarters, who will be happy to give you any information and help she can.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

This is the time of year when we try to think of appropriate gifts for our loved ones and friends. The real purpose of the gift is to convey the spirit of love which is the motivating force behind it. The gift that is lasting, not merely passing that is inspiring and uplifting, that continues to provoke thoughts of appreciation of the giver is a REAL GIFT.

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VALENTINE DAY
by Ann Davies, Minister

As Valentine Day approaches, our thoughts naturally turn to love. This lover's festival grew out of a Roman Holiday during which young people drew names from urns to determine their true loves. Everyone knew that on this day the birds and animals chose their mates.

In the Middle Ages young men and women continued to draw names from an urn, just as the Romans had done, and today, we often wonder if youth is not still choosing their mates in a similar haphazard manner.

The question "what is love?" is probably as old as: "Who is God?" Of course, many would smile in a somewhat superior manner, and smugly say . . . "God is Love." Nor would we disagree. However, since we cannot truly define God . . . this answer is not very satisfactory. What we should ask, is: "How does Love manifest?" In the gentle caress of a mother's hand . . . the stern voice of father as he teaches obedience. The giggle of a schoolgirl . . . a babe's whimpering cry in the night . . . a boy's whistle of exuberance in the sheer joy of living. The pain and sweat of childbirth . . . the hurried whisper of a doctor on the battlefield.

In the unappeasable hunger of the Soul as it soars wildly, giddily, thrillingly through Infinity . . . seeking . . . ever seeking . . . ITSELF!

What is Love? It is you and I woven into the garment of God, Who wears it as the earth wears her velvet mantle of night with the glittering stars thereon.

Are you loving Life? Are you loving Love? If you are . . . then you are a luminous jewel on His garment. If you hate, envy, etc., you dim the beauty of His wondrous raiment.

THE KEY

A key I would hand you, my friend
A key to the land of your dreams
A land filled with harmony, beauty
And glorious radiant sunbeams.

With this key I would hand you, my friend
Open wide all the doors of your heart
Fill it with love's fragrant blossoms
And let God build His home in your heart.

(From MY GARDEN by D. Louise Pollock)

THE SECRET PLACE

by Harriet B. Case
Grand Cancellaria

I wish first to quote from a special note-book of Dr. Case's on what he called one of the prime objects of occultism. I will then show one method of achieving this aim.

OBJECTS OF OCCULTISM:

1. "To make the human personality a perfect vehicle for the Universal Objective Consciousness, through reorganizing and perfecting the physical body.

2. To objectify as tangible realities the latent, potential, invisible and intangible possibilities of the Subjective Consciousness in a life of continual growth, progress and realization.

3. To make the human personality - body & soul & spirit - a transparent medium for the expression of Divine Consciousness. Not passive union, not a mystical aim that seeks absorption into the One. But consciously realizing the aims of God and consciously sharing His work. This includes helping others to express the same power and consciousness, because the only reason God creates at all, is to express Himself."

When we sit down to meditate in our special room, or corner or chair, as the case may be, we quiet our minds and emotions. We center our consciousness on a place within. This is no "place" as known in our three dimensional world, it is a "state of consciousness." In this state or center of consciousness, we experience quiet peace, power, love, wisdom and often, flashes of Illumination. This place or state is what is referred to in the 91st Psalm: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of His Wings," In this state of higher mental and emotional vibration we can experience an awareness of unity with God, our fellow beings and all nature. Unity rather than the illusion of separateness that assails us when we reenter our life of daily activity and are faced with the various problems, disharmonies, crises and tests of one kind or another.

The point I wish to make is that whenever we find ourselves confronted with these tests and trials of confusion, frustration, discouragement, monotony and boredom, we can mentally, immediately picture ourselves back in our place of meditation and attune ourselves to the higher vibration of our "secret place." That center of power within our consciousness which Christians call the Christ Self, the God-Self. Did not Jesus, the Christ, say: "He that knoweth me knoweth the Father' and "My Father and I are in perfect union" ?

If we will but practice a constant return to our "secret place" wherein lies our power and security, we can and will transmute our personalities and become the clear channels we aspire to be. We will find that we can accomplish anything we wish to do, with skill and ease, for this inner center of secret power is like the gyroscope in the hold of a ship which ever keeps it on an even keel even in the worst of storms. One last word . . . let the Magician, the High Priestess and the Hermit help you in your efforts.

SCIENTIFIC PSYCHIC RESEARCH

by Felix J. Frazer
Grand Prolocutor

Under consideration, but not yet fully decided upon, is another course, written by myself, on SCIENTIFIC PSYCHIC RESEARCH. In the past, and even today, there has been, and is, much controversy between advocates of the two methods or paths, whereby we gain increasing knowledge of the unknown. The metaphysicians, religionists, faith-believers, and others often, but not always, hold that the method, or path of meditation, contemplation and study of metaphysical books, symbols and such procedures is the main, if not indeed, the only path to follow in the upward direction towards knowledge, wisdom and enlightenment. More materialistically minded people, fortunately not all, believe that so-called science and objective experiment is the best path to knowing more about ourselves and the mysterious universe in which we live.

I am one of those who believe that both paths are equally valid, and may be equally essential towards better knowledge and understanding of Reality. In this modern age of rapidly expanding scientific and technological achievements, to espouse one path and eschew the other can and has led to grave and disastrous consequences. Thinking people recognize how much we accomplish on the material plane and, per contr, how comparatively slowly we advance on the spiritual plane which in part is occupied by the humanities such as economics, politics, sociology and the like.

Too many people believe that what cannot be known and experienced by the five senses, and their instrumental extensions, simply doesn't exist. Thus human survival, reincarnation, the faith-cure and metaphysics in general are often denied and even ridiculed by intelligent people who should know better.

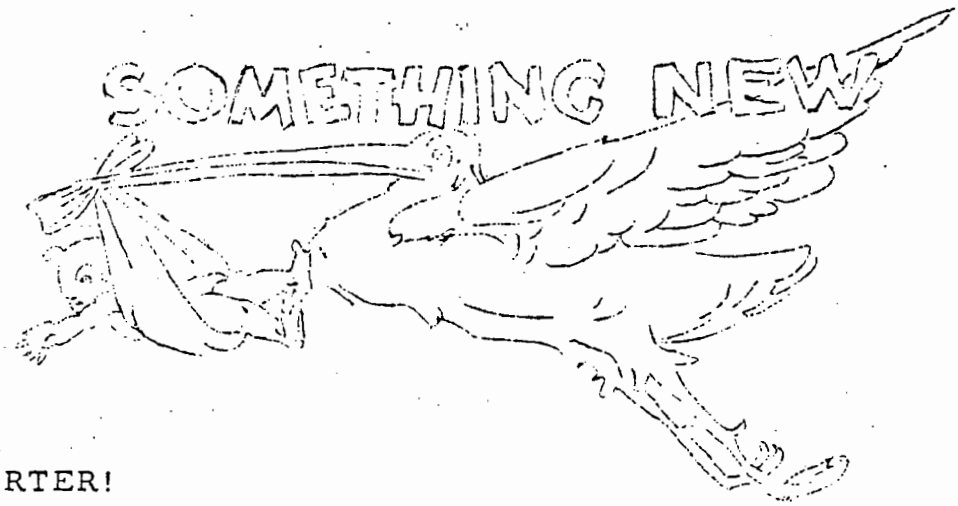
This is where Scientific Psychic Research comes in. This particular activity has brought many brilliant minds, and many more not so brilliant, to the inevitable conclusion that there is a vast field of Reality, indeed many fields, which while definitely lying outside the area of ordinary sense demonstration, nevertheless exist . . . even that which we may call the fringes of these Realities can be contacted by advanced scientific methods.

Once this fact has been established in an intelligent mind through the agency of Scientific Psychic Research, such an individual becomes more aemnable to a belief in such Realities as have become known through metaphysical study, meditation, revelation, and the like.

Such a person has two strings to his bow. As in the case for survival, for the purposeful and governed universe, reincarnation and the like, he has sound scientific data to go on and later, if he so wills it, his own metaphysical studies will lead him to the same conclusion. Thus the former lopsided individual is remade into the rounded Man, an inspiration and a guide to all who come under his influence.

Controversy is not enjoyable to any sane person. Certainly we at B.O.T.A. want no part of it. But too often subjects, vitally important in themselves, are avoided because of controversy, or the hurting of feelings. We believe our contemplated course in Scientific Psychic Research can be given in such a way as to avoid major controversy and hurt feelings. Our Gospel and Teaching is Reality.

We shall be glad to hear from our student-members and readers anent this proposed new course. Ideas, experiences and other contributions will be most welcome.



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Members and friends who have metaphysical, mystical or occult books they no longer read will find a happy home for them here at Headquarters. Won't you help our Library to grow by sending us those books you no longer need? The books you share help to spread wisdom and truth and they also give much aid and pleasure to those who cannot afford to purchase such books. We will be most grateful for any help you can give uswith our Library.

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RECIPE FOR A MIRACLE

by Elinor M. Person
Associate Minister

The scientist and materialist believes in that which can be seen, weighed or measured. The metaphysician and occultist know that there is much which cannot be measured by the standards of man. Those who wish to know or to believe in that which the metaphysician and occultist knows to be a fact, say: "If there is such a thing as magic or miracles, show us!"

Man first learns of anything, be it religion, science or just the everyday acts of living, through the intellect. That is, he first approaches things intellectually. Through Will, intelligent man turns to works, for human will without works is merely a vague idea or desire. This can also be said of a thought not expressed; it is not an actuality but only a dream of the intellect. An image or idea is not a manifested thing, it is only the promise of a possibility. It is the act that is the reality, the act which brings about the manifestation.

It is for this reason that there can be no piety without prayer, no religion without worship. Words are the expressed reality of ideals, and ceremonies are religion put into practice. There is no real faith unless it reveals itself by actions prompted by faith. A formulated thought expressed in words and sustained by action, demonstrates the two powers of a human soul. What has all this to do with miracles?

We are performing miracles daily but these are so commonplace we take them for granted. In order to work it is necessary to will. The mere act of washing a dish or writing a letter is a miracle. To will, it is necessary to formulate the desire. Our words are the result of the miracle of speech and thought. We use them constantly and for the most part hold them very lightly. You think about something; thought fans the flame of desire; the desire gives rise to action and you do something. You have performed a miracle!

Thought is the life of intelligence while words show the creative force of thought. We speak . . . and thought has been translated into action. We have manifested a miracle. Through an act of creation we have manifested speech.

A word is the expression of a thought, action an exhibition of will. This is why prayer is a necessity and why through prayer we may obtain all things needful. True prayer is the perfected act of will. It is the channel which links human words with the Divine Will. All rituals, consecrations, sacrifices and ceremonies are prayers in action. They are the most potent form of prayer because they are words which have been put into action. They show will power and persistence because they require more concentrated attention than silent prayer or prayer expressed in words. They constitute real work and such work demands a man's whole energy.

When you long to see a miracle, look closely at the world about you. Matter is but the garment of the spirit. When God made creation manifest, He ornamented the earth with flowers as an Altar. He drew with His finger circles, triangles and the cross in living light upon the vast vault of the heavens. The breath of God is the Life Essence spread throughout the worlds. Attain to Knowledge and Wisdom. Know, Will and Act; these are your magical implements for performing miracles.

From the PAUL CASE NOTEBOOK

THE SECRET DOCTRINE OF THE TAROT

The Tarot is a pack of cards of unknown origin, which has been in circulation throughout Europe for many centuries. In tap-rooms, by the fireside of Gypsies and little hidden places, it is still shuffled and dealt in quaint old games long since forgotten by the rest of the world. Fortune-tellers also hold it in high esteem, from Gypsies who read the cards for a piece of silver, to professors of occult arts whose fees are in keeping with their elaborate establishments and expensive advertising.

Gambling and cartomancy, however, are but husks hiding the kernel of the Tarot's true meaning. What makes it so interesting and valuable to occultists is the fact that it is a book, written in the language of numerical and pictorial symbolism. It teaches the principles of that hidden wisdom, older than history, which the sages of each generation have handed down to those coming after them who were duly and truly prepared to receive it. This doctrine was taught in the temple-schools of India, Persia and Egypt. It has been dramatized in the mysteries of Greece, in the Roman Catholic Mass and in the rituals of Freemasonry. It is veiled by innumerable sacred allegories and parables, concealed in creeds and obscured by the dogmas of theologians. But it will ever be, through all changes in its manner of presentation, the living spirit of truth behind the letter of exoteric religion and philosophy.

The Tarot pack is divided into two main groups of cards. The larger portion comprises fifty-six Keys arranged in four suits. In each suit are ten spot cards, numbered from Ace to Ten, and four Court cards: A King, a Queen, a Knight and a Page. These are the minor trumps or lesser arcana. The other Keys, termed the Greater Arcana or Major Trumps, form a sequence of twenty-two emblematic pictures, each having its own special title, and which are numbered from Zero to Twenty-one.

As their name suggests, the minor trumps represent elementary doctrines more or less openly stated in various Qabalistic books. To the greater mysteries of occultism these teachings bear a relation similar to that borne by the comparitively simple principles of arithmetic to the abstruse calculations of higher mathematics.

The names of the four suits are as follows: wands, staves or scepters (clubs); cups or chalices (hearts); swords or pikes (spades); coins or pentacles (diamonds). Each suit represents one of the four ideal worlds or planes of manifestation, into which, according to the Qabalah, the universe is divided. Each also corresponds to one of the four living creatures mentioned in Ezekiel and Revelation, and symbolizes the occult meaning of a letter of the sacred name, Yahveh (Jehovah), commonly known as the Tetragrammaton because in Hebrew it is spelled with four letters . . . . YOD, HEH, VAU, HEH.

According to the Zohar, the first letter of this name signifies divine royalty, Eliphas Levi says it represents the rod of Moses, and Papus tells us it is the sign of the active principle of all things. This divine essence is air, the breath of life, termed Prana in Sanskrit, Pneuma in Greek, Ruach in Hebrew and Spiritus in Latin. The highest terrestrial manifestation of this principle is man, the ruler of the earth, and among the living creatures, the man-faces cherub is its emblem. Atziluth, the Archetypal world, is the sphere of this Pure Spirit. It is the world

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of original causes, in which the impulses originate that determine what happens on the other planes. The essential idea therefore, implied by the letter Yod, by air, by the man, and by Atziluth is dominion. And authority and sovereignty are suggested by the staff, whether it be the wand of the magus or the sceptre of royalty.

Qabalists know that creation is a limitation of the infinite possibities of the Archetypal World to some definite, special end. Hence we are told that creation took place with the letter HEH, which is sometimes called the Mother, and is said to be the sign of the universal substance. The universal substance is held to be the receptacle of the divine essence; and the sphere of substance-Briah, the creative world - is also supposed to receive and circumscribe the impulses originating in the Archetypal World. This receptivity is the essential idea behind the symbolism of the cup. VAU, the third letter of the name means "hook," or "nail," and so denotes the link, or affinity between the first two letters. The bond of union between essence and substance is, of course, motion or active force. The sphere of this activity is the Formative World, Yetzirah. The corresponding element is fire, the universal radiant energy that is the root of all forces. This fire is what we have to tame in practical occultism. Hence it is represented by the lion.

The final HEH of the sacred name is held to be the synthesis of the other three letters, to which it stands in relation similar to that existing between a grain of wheat and the ear of which the grain is a part. That is to say, all the potentialities of the other three letters are concentrated in the final HEH. And because all these potentialities are involved in the divine essence represented by the YOD, we are told that the final HEH is a YOD in germ. It corresponds to the outermost of the four worlds, Assiah, the plane of physical phenomena. Every physical condition is a synthesis of divine essence, universal substance and active force. Each phenomenon is a seed, whence a whole crop of new phenomena may be developed. The possibilities of the Archetypal World are made known by the actualities of the material plane, and the simplest thing has limitless capacity for unfoldment. Hence the most important fact about the material world is its exhaustless fecundity and reproductive power. That the suit of coins properly symbolizes all these ideas the reader will see for himself after a moment's reflection.

We must also note the connection between the living creatures and the four cardinal signs of the zodiac. The man is Aquarius, the Water-bearer, an airy sign. The eagle stands for Scorpio, a watery sign. The lion is Leo, the house of the sun, or abode of the radiant force. The bull is Taurus, an earthly sign. Aquarius is the eleventh sign of the zodiac, Scorpio is the eighth, Leo is the fifth and Taurus is the second. Thus the sum of the numbers of the signs is 26, and this is also the sum of the values of the letters YOD, HEH, VAU, HEH, the Tetragrammaton.

Let us now consider the significance of the court-cards. Qabalists say the human constitution is composed of four principles: spirit, soul, astral body and physical body. This classification is merely more general than that adopted by Hindu teacher The spirit combines Atma and Buddhi; the soul includes Manas and Kama; the astral body is both Prana and Linga Sharira; the physical body is Rupa. Each principle has its abode as it were, in one of the four worlds, though its influence extends to all other planes. In minor trumps, therefore, each is represented by four court-cards of the same denomination, one for each suit. The Kings are emblems of the spirit, the sovereign principle, and they are related to the suit of wands. The Queens designate the soul, which, as the receptacle of the vital essence of the spirit, is symbolized by the cups. The Knights, typifying the astral body, are men-at-arms, and so correspond to swords. The Pages, denoting the physical body, are connected with pentacles or coins. (To be continued).

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THE MAGICIAN

The monitor within my mind
At last is silent where he stands
And kind, and mellow, and I find
He fashions nothing with his hands.
But holds a wand high to his right
And fixedly points left below
To know a Power beyond his might
That causes things of love to grow.

2

HIGH PRIESTESS

Mirror of your flowing robe
Of blue;
I see myself reflected
In all space
As moving ripples.
Opposites sail peacefully
Along this stream.
At any point the past
Is sparkling clear.

3

THE EMPRESS

Surely, if you give me
All that golden wheat
My heart will burst with joy!
And yet I see quite newly
Through a sunlit door
A Self surrounded by rich harvests
That are mine in harmony.

The above verses were written by: Maridel Dyke, Fellow Builder.

THE QUESTION BOX

QUES. What are the books, THE TAROT, A KEY TO THE WISDOM OF THE AGES; THE BOOK OF TOKENS; THE GREAT SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES? Are they part of the lessons in book form, or something different?

ANS. All three of the above-mentioned books were written by Dr. Paul Foster Case, founder of B.O.T.A. They are not the lessons in book-form. Our lessons are not, and cannot be given out in book-They are given out as instructed and under the direction of the INNER SCHOOL. THE TAROT, A KEY TO THE WISDOM OF THE AGES is a condensed explanation of the Tarot Keys with the Keys depicted therein. There are some chapters on the method of study and a short chapter on how the Keys were used for divination. However, there is much, much more to the study of Tarot than could possibly be given in one volume, even a large volume, and this is given in our correspondence courses.

THE BOOK OF TOKENS is a series of meditations upon the occult meanings of the twenty-two Hebrew letters attributed to the 22 TAROT KEYS.

THE GREAT SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES is an explanation of its history, its symbolism and occult message.

QUES. Is HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TAROT the little book we receive with the course INTRODUCTION TO TAROT?

ANS. Yes, it is.

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PRONAOS REPORT

by Elinor M. Person
Executive Counselor

Too late to report in our last issue was the impressive Initiation and Installation of the following Officers of San Francisco Pronaos # 2: Charles G. Stribling, Artisan; Maud Milnes, Auditor of the Board of Trustees and Louis Lusardi as a Ritualistic Officer.

San Francisco Pronaos #2 is now proudly displaying the Charter granted them by the Grand Chapter of B.O.T.A. We, of Los Angeles Pronaos #1, send our brother and sister Apprentice Builders best wishes for a bright, happy and successful future.

A more dedicated and hard working group than our Apprentice Builders of San Francisco will be hard to find. With determination, deep aspiration, faith and hard work, they organized, made their own implements, robes, etc. With loving generosity, brothers Lusardi and Levy have given their home one night a week for the Pronaos meetings. We know that such devotion will bear a good harvest. Members in our San Francisco area who would like to take part in the activities of Pronaos #2, or who have abilities and talents they would like to contribute to its growth are asked to write to: Charles G. Stribling - 1790 Gunston Way, San Jose 21 Calif.

PRONAOS REPORT CONT'D.

Other recent Initiates at Los Angeles Pronaos #1 are: Myrtle B. Henrickson of Seattle, Wash., Katherine Harriman, Dallas, Texas; Robert S. Spencer, of Midland, Mich., and Angela Lincoln, Lucile Lord, Esther Cherry, Hiram G. Cox, Sidona Helena Babros, Wm. & Dorothy Gaughan, Henry H. Hennes and Frank E. Kidder, all of Los Angeles Pronaos #1.

This session, Apprentice Builders of L.A. Pronaos #1 are taking up the course of TAROT FUNDAMENTALS. At the completion of this semester they will have earned the privilege of receiving a higher Initiation and will have earned their Pronaos Aprons.

In Pronaos, B.O.T.A. members participate in ancient Cabalistic rituals, an analysis of the lesson material they receive in our correspondence courses and also share in the added impact of higher forces which such group work channels through from the Inner School.

Are you missing out on the fun of sharing with those of like-mind? Are you looking for someone with whom to discuss the metaphysical subjects, experiences and ideas so close to your heart? Are you lonely? Do you need help with your lessons? Would you like to become a Cabalistic teacher and carry on the Great Work of B.O.T.A? Then Pronaos is just what you are looking for.

A true fraternal welcome and invitation is extended to all B.O.T.A. members to visit L.A. Pronaos # 1 any Tuesday at 8:00 P.M., except the first Tuesday of each month which is Initiation night. Any B.O.T.A. member is eligible to become an Apprentice Builder up to and including March 7, 1961. After that date only those who are in the course of Tarot Fundamentals or beyond will be eligible to enter this Pronaos Class. We hope to organize another Pronaos Class in the near future for beginners if enough members are interested. Members interested in forming a Beginners Class should contact the Executive Counselor at Temple Headquarters by phone or drop her line. Our phone number is: C15-7141.

B.O.T.A. members in the Boston locale who would like to assist in the establishment and organization of a Pronaos in that area will find Mr. Charles Barbour, Acting Artisan, most happy to hear from you. Write him at: P. O. BOX 84, WEST ROXBURY 32, MASS.

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The Officers and staff at Headquarters wish to thank all our wonderful member-friends, who helped to make our Christmas bright and joyous. So numerous were the gifts and cards that we must take this way to express our sincere gratitude. The warmth of you love and thoughtfulness leaves a glow that will warm our hearts all through the New Year. To one and all, we pray that the New Year will be a most blessed one.

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WE ARE GI'S (GOD'S ISSUE) WHEN HE DRAFTS US AS HIS MINUTE MEN.

TOLERANCE

by Rene Person
Temple Administrator

Tolerance is an expression of the respect we owe to the sincere opinion of others, even when this opinion does not agree with ours.

We who seek the Greater Light are found in every corner of the earth and thus we speak in many tongues, hold different thoughts and opinions. We do not think alike, hold to the same values, nor do we have the same customs. We differ in many ways, but we do have one important thing in common: We know that behind the manifestation of this material world there is a basic Truth which is ours to know, here and now, if we desire it. The search for this Truth has brought us together. We have become united in one great aspiration and gradually we begin to catch glimpses, little rays of the Greater Light. We know that our search will bring us "the perfect realization of the Eternal Splendor of the Limitless Light."

We know that the Greater Light has ever been, is here now and ever shall be. As we grow in wisdom, we understand that the attainment of Cosmic Illumination (the Greater Light) actually consists of growth into it. All life unfolds into a perfection of maturity through the outpouring of the Life essence which we call sunlight. Growth is a natural process, when we interfere with it through ignorance, we can stunt it, cause mutations and even destroy the instruments it is using. In order to attain the Cosmic Illumination we seek we need to become clear channels by removing the impediments which, in our ignorance of the great laws of God, we have placed in the way of our growth.

What has all this to do with Tolerance?

Everything. We have said that all life is unfolded by the life essence received by us from the sun. In a like manner, we grow spiritually by the virtue of the outpouring life of Him whose glory shines in the heavens and whose handiwork is revealed in the myriad forms of earth. If we become greedy - if we center our thoughts upon our small selves - if we become selfish, we shut out the Light we need for our spiritual growth. If we become one with that Higher Self in whom "we live and move and have our being," then, and only then, will there be an ever increasing inflow of those potent forces which heal the ill, strengthen the weak, restores the broken and raises man to his full stature. Selfishness wears many faces. There is a selfishness of material possessions which causes envy, a selfishness of human relationship which causes jealousy. And there is a selfishness of opinion which causes intolerance. With comparitively few exceptions we are not grossly selfish with respect to material possession. With more exceptions we are not overly given to the vice of jealousy. But what can we say about Tolerance? Intolerance is today, the most insidious form of selfishness! It is the most nearly universal! We must become selfless if we expect to grow. Selfishness in any form closes the circuit and prevents us from receiving the Life-giving Light which is all around us. Without this Light we slowly wither, age, become ill and die for the lack of the divine essence which gave us life.

B.O.T.A.'s statistics teach us a remarkable lesson in Tolerance. 92% of our members tell us they belong or have belonged to other metaphysical or occult Orders. Often these metaphysical and occult Orders send us students who wish to specialize in the Tarot and the Holy Qabalah. Many of our members are serving or have served in Churches of various denominations. All the human races are represented in B.O.T.A.'s membership and our lessons are mailed to 23 countries of the world.

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TOLERANCE (Cont'd.)

It is not difficult to become tolerant of others. As aspirants toward the Goal of Life, we are all on the Path . . . some far advanced . . . some midway . . . and some just stumbling onto it. That which we call foolish, evil, trivial, ignorant, weak, etc., are the toys of our childhood which we have outgrown. But, because we have outgrown them, shall we condemn our younger brothers and sisters who find them attractive? Rather let us rejoice that they too, in playing with these baubles, are growing into the GREATER LIGHT.

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WHAT THE TAROT WILL DO FOR YOU

No matter what your own difficulties are, poor memory, mind wandering, indecision, timidity, nervousness, ill health or lack of personality, the Tarot will show you the way to correct and overcome them. It will uncover and develop qualities which you never dreamed existed in you. It will be of direct, tangible value to you in your business, home and social life.

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"Our Spring calendar is beginning to look very full. Do make your Wedding and Christening dates well in advance."
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OCCULT DICTIONARY

Amud (Heb.) Prayer Desk.

Arabia (Arab.) Sterility

Arik Anpin (Heb.) The Greater Countenance or Macroprosopus

Aron Hakodesh (Heb.) Holy Ark

Aur AVR (Heb.) Light

Aur Genoz (AVR GNVz) Heb. The Hidden (or treasured) Light.

Aur Penumee AVR PNVM (Heb.) Inner Light.

balah (Heb.) A primitive Hebrew root meaning "to palpitate," hence "to trouble" as when we say, "The waters were troubled."

Bawkah (BKH) (Heb.) Meant originally "to flow" also means "to weep."

Bawkir (BChIR) (Heb.) The Elect.

Beth (Heb.) The equivalent of our English B, it means "house" and is the Hebrew number 2.

Beth-El (Heb.) House of God.

Betyles (Phoen.) Magical stones. Ancient writers call them "animated stones"; "oracular stones."

Bhagavad-gita (Sansk.) Literally, "The Lord's Song." A portion of the Mahabarata, the great epic poem of India. It contains a dialogue wherein Krishna - the "Charioteer" and Arjuna, his Chela, have a discussion upon the highest spiritual philosophy. The work is pre-eminently occult or esoteric.

Bhagavat (Sansk.) A title of the Buddha and of Krishna. "The Lord" literally.

Bhao (Sansk.) A ceremony of divination among the Kolarian tribes of Central India

Bharata Varsha (Sansk.) The land of Bharata, an ancient name of India.

Bhargavas (Sansk.) An ancient race in India; from the name of Bhrigu, the Rishi.

Bible. The English word "Bible" is derived from the Greek "biblion" meaning "roll" or "book." (While biblion is really a diminutive of biblos, it has lost this sense in the N. T. See Rev. 10:2 where biblaridion is used for a "little scroll.") More exactly, a biblion was a roll of papyrus or byblus - a reedlike plant whose inner bark was dried and fashioned into a writing material widely used in the ancient world.

Binah (Heb.) Understanding. The third of the 10 Sephiroth, the third of the Supernal Triad; a female potency, corresponding to the letter He of the Tetragrammaton IHVH. Binah is called Aima, the Supernal Mother, and the "great Sea."

Birs Nimrud (Chald.) Believed by Orientalists to be the site of the Tower of Babel. The great pile of Birs Nimrud is near Babylon.

Black Fire (Zohar) A Qabalistic term for Absolute Light and Wisdom; "black" because it is incomprehensible to our finite intellects.

Black Magic (Occult) The selfish abuse of divine powers. This abuse may be unintential; yet it is still "black magic" whenever anything is produced phenomenally simply for one's own gratification or glorification.

Beni Elohim (Heb.) "Sons of God," literally or more correctly "Sons of the gods," as Elohim is the plural of Eloah. A group of angelic powers referable by analogy to the Sephira Hod.

Barak and eulogeo (Heb.) Bless, blessed. Both have the meaning to pronounce blessed., but the primary meaning of the former is to convey a gift by a potent utterance (Gen. 1:22, 28).

Baruk (Heb.) Blessed. Usually applies to God in the O. T. (Gen. 9:26; 24:27; Sam. 25:32). Sometimes it describes men as blessed of God (Gen. 24:13; 26:29; 1Sam. 25:32).

Boaz (Heb.) The great-grandfather of David. The word is from "B" meaning "in" and "oz" meaning "strength," a symbolic name of one of the pillars at the porch of King Solomon's temple.

Body In the O. T. there is no single term to denote the human body. "Body" in the English versions represents different Hebrew words meaning, variously, belly or womb, back, bone, thigh, flesh, soul, etc. The most common Hebrew word is "basar" meaning "flesh," which is generally translated sarx, "flesh," but sometimes soma, "body." There are other Theological interpretations.

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AN ADEPT CHANGED MY LIFE!

by The Rev. Ann Davies
Prolocutor General

There is a destiny which shapes our lives! It overtook me when I reluctantly agreed to accompany my sister to a lecture given by Dr. Paul Foster Case, whom I later learned, was the world authority on Tarot and the Holy Qabalah. Allergic as I was and am to lectures . . . my own excepted, of course! . . . (chuckle) and profoundly agnostic as I was but am no longer, I was ill prepared for what happened when Dr. Case appeared on the podium. Gone was the physical discomfort of my hard wooden chair, and my complaints to my sister at having been dragged out to this endurance contest. In their place a speechless astonishment swept over me. For there stood a human being whom I had known forever but had never met before in this incarnation. The mutual recognition, as I later learned, was startling and instantaneous, as was my awareness of the profound spiritual power radiating from this man.

During his lecture time became non-existent. Knowledge and wisdom poured from him as from a fountain. At our meeting after the lecture, he invited me to visit him, and thus started the Great Adventure.

I learned that he was the Founder and Spiritual Head of Builders of the Adytum, a true link in an age-old chain of Mystery School training systems based on the Qabalistic Tree of Life. I had thought that Tarot was merely a fortune-telling system but quickly discovered that this was a surface blind and that true Initiates had been trained down through the centuries to use Tarot as the Magical Key for unlocking the Inner doors which lead to Spiritual Liberation.

What are the Tarot Keys? They are a set of pictorial images designed by Adepts of the Inner School. How can a group of symbolic pictures have such a profound effect upon the consciousness of aspirants? It may seem curious that a set of pictures, properly understood and used, should have the power to transform personality, heighten consciousness, expand awareness, develop emotional control, mental balance and direct knowledge of Spiritual Reality! Indeed, so improbable did this idea seem to me, that were it not for the fact that Dr. Case stood before me as a living representation of the Tarot techniques, I doubt that I would have had the incentive to find out for myself. Had I been familiar with modern psychological findings at that time, I would have instantly seen the extraordinary logic in the use of symbols for psychological self-discovery.

We both intuitively knew that we had not been brought together by chance . . . that, indeed, a profound and meaningful destiny lay behind our meeting. He took me under his wing and I became his personal disciple. At that time I thought this was only for the purpose of my own advancement, but later he told me that I was to be prepared for Initiation into Esoteric participation in the work of the Order, and shortly before he died he told me that I had been accepted by the Inner School . . . indeed had been so chosen from childhood.

(TO BE CONTINUED IN NEXT ISSUE)

AN OPEN LETTER FROM HARRIET B. CASE

Dear Fellow Builders & Friends:

We receive so many letters from our members and aspirants regarding membership in other Orders, Fraternities, Churches, etc., that I have decided to take this way to answer these inquiries. Many of our members tell us that when applying for membership in, let us say, Fraternity A, they are told they must drop membership in all and any other Orders or Fraternities they may happen to belong to, before they can be eligible to become a member of Fraternity A. Or, if they happen to belong to Metaphysical Order B, they are told they must never join up with any other Metaphysical Order as this would be most disloyal. Aspirants often write us and ask if they will have to give up all other memberships in order to become a member of B.O.T.A. They are always surprised when we tell them it is not necessary. Some of our members have asked why we do not do the same and prohibit membership to B.O.T.A., only. And, there are some who have written in to ask our permission to join another Order, asking us to please let them also retain their membership with us.

We never tell our members what they must or must not do. We know that each of us must come to the Truth as we grow and progress. We do not profess to be the sole owners of the whole TRUTH. TRUTH IS INFINITE . . . no one has a priority on it. We do state that B. O. T. A. is the College of Metaphysics and Occult knowledge whereas most other (not all) such Orders and Fraternities can be classified High Schools. We do not say this in a boasting manner, on the contrary, we say it most humbly! It is a simple and frank statement of fact, because TAROT and the HOLY QABALAH is only for the sincere student, the dedicated aspirant, who is willing to WORK, STUDY and APPLY himself the high principles of these sacred teachings. We do not forbid membership elsewhere for many reasons. First, we have nothing to fear. Our teachings are founded upon one of the oldest (if not the oldest) Wisdom-Religions in the world. Second, we respect the intelligence of our members . . . we feel sure they are quite capable of thinking for themselves . . . we do not feel that we have to tell them what to read . . . where to go . . . when to go . . . or why! We are quite sure they have the ability to discriminate and to make their own decisions. Last, but not least, B. O.T. A., recognizes no such barriers as Race, Religion or Creed and we respect the right of every man or woman to freely worship and study as they please.

Beloved Fellow Builders and aspirants, when someone must belittle another in order to appear big, successful or wise, that one is to be pitied, for he merely exposes his own lack. When someone has a need to assume the role of dictator and forbid their members to associate with other Orders, or study other work, or limits their members in any way . . . that Order or Fraternity, reveals its weakness and fear. If their teachings do not hold their members, then the teaching is lacking in what their aspirants need and seek. Do not become victims of a Metaphysical Blind Man's Bluff . . . SEEK . . . STUDY . . . TEST by APPLICATION . . . gain Wisdom and ATTAIN!

May the Light of the Cosmic be extended upon you.

Fraternally yours in L. V. X.

Harriet B. Case

Grand Cancellaria

PARALLEL STUDIES IN OCCULTISM

by Felix J. Frazer
Grand Prolocutor

In our last issue, mention was made of including another course in our B.O.T.A. curriculum based on the findings of scientific psychic research. Much thought on this subject produced the title PARALLEL STUDIES IN OCCULTISM which is more descriptive of what we have in mind. Science and mysticism run parallel courses no matter what many people think to the contrary. This is because so often engineering and technology are mixed up with science. Actually these two aspects of human endeavor are no more than the application of science to the production of material things, and certainly the concept of science goes way beyond these purely mundane needs . . . "consumer satisfactions" as the economists call them.

Science does not consist of such things as telescopes, electronic computers, nuclea submarines and the like, nor even of such things as mathematics and geometry. All of these things are no more than the external machinery and methods whereby Man applies his thinking processes to the various problems which surround him. Science is the methodical and step-by-step search after truth and fact and requires one's complete disengagement from preconceptions and predjudice. Thus science is a search, not a thing. Nor is it solely a method because methods change from day to day and place to place. Yes, methods can be scientific and things can be born and produced by science. Yet, they are no more than the end products of science.

Some people describe science as a state of curiosity about ourselves and our universe. First we become curious and then we begin to search. This mental and emotional state of curiosity belongs to the most primitive as much as it does to an Einstein. Both are scientists when they disengage themselves from their preconceptions and predjudices, observe this or that most carefully, and then sit down to think and ponder.

Has it ever occured to you that this is exactly what the metaphysicians and mystics do in their meditations? They too are curious about themselves and their universe. They too are in search of truth and fact. Thus at the base of their being, seers and scientists are one and the same no matter how their methods may differ.

It might surprise you to know that many scientists have arrives by their own methods at the same conclusions concerning truth and fact as have their occult brethren. And many of our top scientists use occult meditations and the like as a preliminary to their own more objective way of discerning the Realities. This is also true of many engineers and technicians who often fail to associate their own concentrated thought with true meditation.

Yes, parallel is the proper word to use in describing the connection between science and mysticism. Thus it is altogether fitting and proper for a Mystery School such as ours to explore the findings of science in the various fields of our mutual interests.

About a dozen studies have been prepared. many more are in preparation. Material for this Course is coming in from all over the world. Studies Nos. 7 & 8 have already been written and are entitled THE FOURTH DIMENSION. Its geometrical and occult aspects simply explained. You will be amazed at the deep occu significance of this supposedly purely geometrical subject. One of the deepest satisfactions one can experience is the recognition of the close inter-relationships which exists between ourselves and all else.

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BY YOUR ROVING REPORTER

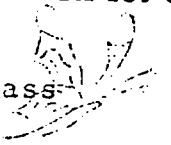


That ecstatic expression on the face of our Associate Minister, Rev. Person, is due to the gift of a Pronaon who wishes to remain annonymous. The gift? ? ? Dictating and transcribing machines (2)!!!!!!!! One for Rev. Davies and one for the Temple Office. God Bless you, Apprentice Builder, for the loving gift which is helping to lighten our load of work. There are simply no words to express our gratitude.

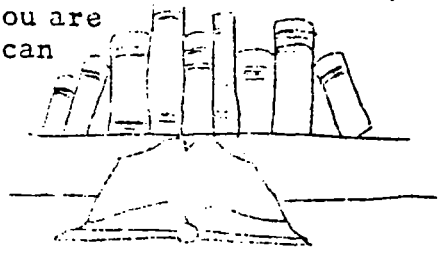
Our members and friends in the East will be happy to know that both Rev. Davies and Mrs. Harriet B. Case will be visiting them in April. Rev. Davies will give a Public Lecture at the Park-Sheraton Hotel, West 57th Street, New York City, April 15, 1961 at 8:30 P.M., in the Colonial Room. Both Rev. Davies and Mrs. Case will be most happy to meet you at the Lecture. One of the purposes of this visit is to organize a Pronaos in the Manhattan area. We hope that all of our members will take this rare opportunity to meet our Prolocutor General and Grand Cancellaria. You can make an appointment with Rev. Davies by calling her at the above mentioned Hotel. As her stay will be a brief one, we advise that you call as soon as possible.

Welcome to Edith Dow, our new assistant secretary. Nice to have you with us. This does not mean that our beloved Mary Alpaugh is no longer with us. It just means that we are GROWING!!!! And, just had to have more help! Mrs. Dow will be with us three days a week and that lovely smile and wonderful sense of humor is an asset we are most happy to have.

Our good Felix J. Frazer is finally going on a much needed and long over-due vacation. He and his charming wife Kitty, are planning an auto trip through our good American States which will end in Canada and possibly on into Alaska! That is a good bit of travelling and even your Roving Reporter doesn't rove that far! Have a good trip Felix! We shall miss you but five years of hard work without a vacation certainly deserves a reward! Wish we could go with you but since we cannot we shall be looking for those postcards (sigh) that will let us know where you are.



Several of our parishoners have asked about a Sunday morning class for children. If enough members desire to enroll their children in such a class, we will open one this Fall but you must let us know at once. The youth of today is the wise Qabalist of tomorrow! We shall need to know how many children you plan to enroll, their names and ages and if you are planning to have them christened Qabalists. No children can be accepted without the consent of their parents or guardians.



FABLE FOR ADULTS

by Elinor M. Person
Associate Minister

Once upon a time there was a dictator so powerful and ruthless that his very name struck dread and terror in the hearts of his subjects. In due time he died and stood before the throne of his Creator. "I have come for my reward of rest," he said. "I am the greatest of dictators, so do not detain me."

"Hast thou learned thy lesson?"

"I am the Dictator, my word is law. I have no lessons to learn. I am all-wise. I have built a great nation and destroyed many others. I have conquered mine enemies and collected vast riches. Now, I have come for my reward, give it to me so that I may rest for I am weary."

But the Lord of the Universe said: "Thou hast not earned thy rest. Thou hast not learned the lesson of Life."

"What is the lesson of Life?"

"Love is the lesson Life teaches. Return to earth and perhaps this time thou wilt learn it."

He took up his life upon earth once more but this time as a song-writer, and in due time, once again stood before the throne of the Lord of the Universe. "This time I learned my lesson. I have come for my reward for now I am very, very weary. I have spread the beauty of music far and wide. I have strung lovely notes into a rosary of sound and my songs stirred dreams of love in the hearts of all who heard them."

But the Lord of the Universe shook his head sadly and replied: "Thy music is mere passion made audible. Thou hast not learned thy lesson."

Once again he took up his life among men, this time as a great philanthropist. He acquired great wealth and gave of all he possessed most freely. He built Colleges, Hospitals and Churches; many monuments bore his name, and everyone praised him

"Now I can enter," said he. "I have been most generous and benefited many. Surely, such deeds are born of love."

"Thou hast but glorified thine own name. Thus, the good thou hast done was done for a selfish purpose. Thou hast failed again, and cannot enter here."

Again he returned to earth but this time as a poor physician. He worked only amon the poor and needy. He was often hungry for he seldom got paid, often tired for he got little rest. So, one day, again he found himself facing the Lord of the Universe. "My Lord, forgive me! I have not finished, I must return! This time I was so poor I could not do very much. I brought healing to so few, to a few comfort from pain and to some courage and comfort on their way to You. There are so many who need help that I forgot about the lesson I was to learn. Again, I failed!"

The Lord of the Universe smiled...and a great benediction fell upon the earth plan Each sorrow became a little lighter, each pain eased a little, each hate lessened a little and all goodness increased a little. "Thou has learned thy lesson, my son. Thou hast earned thy reward for now thou canst enter here in the infinity of Love."

From the PAUL CASE NOTEBOOK

THE SECRET DOCTRINE OF THE TAROT

The spot-cards summarize the Qabalistic doctrine of emanation. According to the ancient Qabalists, the limitless Absolute is the source of all. From it proceed ten emanations called Sephiroth. Each Sephiroth corresponds to one of the numbers of the primitive decade. The ten emanations are depicted as ten circles on a Qabalistic glyph called the TREE OF LIFE. Their Hebrew names are: Kether; Chokmah; Binah; Chesed; Geburah; Tiphareth; Netzach; Yesod; Malkuth. In English they may be termed as follows: Crown or Primal Will; Wisdom; Understanding, or Intellect; Mercy or Beneficence; Strength or Justice; Beauty; Victory; Splendor, or Eternity; Foundation; Kingdom or Realization.

The Sephiroth are different aspects or attributes in manifestation of one and the same Being, the Supreme Spirit, which is designated by the name Ain Suph, meaning "No Limit." This is the transcendent One, free from every qualification, that is called Aum in Sanskrit. Of this One it is written: "The Absolute is described as 'not this,' 'not that,' and so on, by negatives only." It is identical with what is termed the "Divine Darkness" in the Mystical Theology of Dionysius.

Though this One cannot be defined, we are justified in thinking of it as being like its highest manifestations. The highest expression of Being that we know is life, and the essence of life is intelligence. So we may say that the Absolute is Pure Consciousness, and affirm that God is the Knower who knows Himself. That the Qabalah teaches this doctrine is shown by the fact that the names of the Sephiroth all suggest the working of the mind. Each Sephirah, moreover, is said to be the seat of a special mode of intelligence.

Four Sephiroth are androgyne, and these form the middle pillar of the Sephirotic Tree. Three are masculine, forming the right-hand pillar, or Pillar of Mercy. The other three are feminine, constituting the left-hand pillar, or Pillar of Strength.

The Zohar says: "Wisdom, the second Sephirah, and the beginning of development, when it proceeded from the Holy Aged (Kether), emanated in male and female, for Wisdom expanded, and Understanding, the third Sephirah, proceeded from it, and thus were obtained male and female, viz. Wisdom the father and Understanding the mother, from whose union the other pairs of Sephiroth successively emanated.' (Zohar, iii, 290.)

From Wisdom came forth the masculine Mercy, and the feminine Understanding brought forth Strength. The androgyne potency, Beauty, emanated from the union of Mercy and Strength. Beauty produced Victory and Eternity or Splendor, male and female, and from these proceeded the third androgyne potency, Foundation. The last Sephirah, the Kingdom, emanated from Foundation, and is said to encircle, that is, to include, the other nine. It is also Androgyne.

In the Tarot each Sephirah is represented by four spot-cards, of the same denomination but of different suits, because the Qabalah says all the Sephiroth are manifested in each of the four worlds. This gives us an unvarying rule for determining the exact significance of any spot-card. THE SUIT DEFINES THE PLANE OF MANIFESTATION, AND THE VALUE OF THE CARD SHOWS WHAT SEPHIRAH IS SYMBOLIZED.

In the minor trumps, then, we have an ingenious mnemonic system that enables us to remember the basic principles of the Cabalah with a minimum of mental effort. But were this all the Tarot had to offer us it would scarcely merit the high praise it has received from many eminent occultists. Not until we have studied the major trumps shall we fully realize that this pack of cards is one of our most extraordinary heritages. It is the message of the greater arcana that justifies Eliphas Levi's assertion: "A prisoner devoid of books, had he only a Tarot of which he knew how to make use, could, in a few years, acquire a universal science, and converse with an unequaled doctrine and inexhaustible eloquence."

Each major trump illustrates the occult meaning of a Hebrew letter. The esoteric secret of these Hebrew letters is preserved today in the ancient Cabalistic rituals reserved for those who have prepared themselves and earned the privilege of receiving this unwritten Cabalah. Eliphas Levi published an incorrect version of the correspondences; but whether he did so because he did not know the true arrangement, or whether what he had to say in this connection was merely one of the many mystifications he was so fond of, is a question whose answer I shall leave to you.

His error consisted in putting the Zero card between those numbered Twenty and Twenty-one, with the result that in his attribution all the trumps but the last one are assigned to the wrong letters. Yet his prestige among occultists is so great that many who should never have been deceived by his arrangement have accepted it without question, and have wasted their time in trying to interpret the Tarot from this mistaken point of view.

More critical students have seen that there can be but one logical position for Zero in a series of consecutive numbers. It must come first, for we think of nothing as being prior to something, of the unmanifest as preceding the manifest, of the potential (which is no-thing) as coming before the actual. Zero is also used to indicate the origin, or point of departure, as in the marking of a steam-gauge or a thermometer. It has this meaning in the Tarot. The card so numbered is the initial symbolic statement from which all other degrees of this hieroglyphic scale are developed.

This trump, the Fool, corresponds to Aleph, the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The rest of the greater arcana, in the regular order of their numbers, are assigned to the remaining letters.

By establishing a connection between the cards and letters we have provided ourselves with many clues to the meaning of the pictures. Every Hebrew letter has a name denoting a material object, and all the objects represented by the letters have a definite symbolic significance. Furthermore, the Sepher Yetzirah classifies the letters as follows: three mother letters . . . Aleph, Mem and Shin . . . representing the elements Air, Water and Fire; seven double letters-Beth, Gimel, Daleth Kaph, Peh, Resh, and Tau - to which are assigned the seven heavenly bodies of ancient astronomy (corresponding to the seven chakras or centers of Prana in the human body); and twelve simple letters - He, Vau, Zain, Cheth, Teth, Yod, Lamed, Nun, Samekh, Ayin, Tzaddi, and Qoph-indicating the signs of the zodiac (which also have their correspondences in the human organism). Each double letter also stands for a pair of opposites. Beth, for example, is the sign of Life and Death, and Daleth is related to Knowledge and Ignorance. Each simple letter also denotes a faculty or action of man. Thus Heh represents Sight, and Lamed is associated with Work. Several other attributions are given but space does not permit giving them here.

(To be continued).

I AM A QABALISTIC TEMPLE

(Anonymous)

I am a Qabalistic Temple. I am dedicated to the perpetuation and dispensation of the Holy Qabalah and sacred wisdom of the Tarot.

I have an amazing history whose beginning is lost in the mists of time. It is said the angels brought my message to man. For thousands of years the people have gathered to hear the wisdom-religion of the Holy Qabalah and the ancient Tarot.

From within my walls, Qabalists go forth into every corner of the world to bear witness of the Truth. I am a very old Temple. My sacred wisdom is spoken in many tongues among all races and it is found in all creeds. I have heard great men weep and valiant women sing. In my strength young people found vision and higher horizons. Children learned how to weave love from God into their lives. I have seen civilizations rise like the Phoenix, from the ashes of older civilizations, only to crumble back to the dust. Through all change I have borne witness to a God Who never changes,

I live in many lands and listen to the rhythm of human souls. My hand and heart embrace all humanity. I see no distinction of class, color or creed. Within my walls there are no barriers to God's love nor our unity in Him. I am intensely interested in the well-being of the ill, the unhappy and the lonely. I share with them the Healing and the Wholeness of the Lord of the Universe.

In me the rich and poor come together for worship and the attainment of the sacred wisdom. Through me the poor become rich beyond conception and the rich become generous, gentle and humble beyond belief.

People come to me from the separateness of materiality to find the Oneness of being. They come from a world at war to live in a world of peace. The world cannot understand this transmutation, nor overcome it. It is a hymn that sings in your heart . . . it is the melody of God's Word . . . it fills every fiber of your being as you give birth to your Self!

I am a Qabalistic Temple in the heart of a great City. I live for the glory of the Lord of the Universe and the need of His people. The older I grow, the stronger I become. The Lord of the Universe is my strength and You are the purpose of my existence.

I am a Qabalistic Temple. I am dedicated to the love and glory of the Lord of Life and to your service.

As in the past, so will it ever be. My life and service to God and to you depend upon your life in service to Him and to yourself. I leave my future in your hands.

L. V. X. is my witness.

PRONAOS REPORT

We thank out-going Officers, Lola Darling, Don Brown, John Spencer and Toni Benja Benjamin for the year of excellent service they rendered our Pronaos as ritualistic Officers. It is in the serving we gain so very much and learn the significance and importance of ritualistic work.

On March 21st Pronaos # ONE held its annula ritual of installation of officers. We were happy to see so many friends, and members. Anita Wyant was installed as Consecrator, John Spencer, Guardian, Henry Hennes, Keeper of the Southern Chaos and William Gaughan as Keeper of the Northern Chaos. We wish our incoming Officers a most rewarding and successful year.

We hope to organize an auxilary of Pronaos # ONE at Headquarters for our newer members. It will be a "Beginners Group" and as they progress through the work, they will advance as does Pronaos #ONE. Our Pronaos has now advanced to a point where it would be too much for our Neophytes to catch up. The group would initiate its own officers and members and operate exactly as Pronaos # ONE. It is open to all B.O.T.A members regardless of where they may be in the present curriculum. However, we must know that there are enough interested members who wish to attend and participate in such a group before we establish it. In due time they would become known as Pronaos # THREE. If you are interested in attending such a class and receiving the advantage of personal Tarot training, please contact the Executive Counselor, Elinor M. Person, before Sept. 1st. We must have time enough to organize and to prepare the preliminary work for such a step.

Twenty-one Fellow Builders have become Apprentice Builders since Jan. 1, 1961, by participating in the sacred Pronaos Initiation ritual. This advanced Pronaos Class is open to all B.O.T.A. members who are in the work of TAROT FUNDAMENTALS or beyond. All B.O.T.A. members, who are in good standing, that is receiving the lesson-work of B.O.T.A., by mail, are eligible to visit our Pronaos three times prior to becoming a Pronaon. Do come and visit us.

LOS ANGELES PRONAOS # ONE WILL BE CLOSED FOR VACATION FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER. We wish one and all a most wonderful summer and hope all vacations will be joyous beyond expectation. Have fun, get enough rest and come back ready for work.

The Grand Chapter takes this opportunity to thank San Francisco Pronaos # TWO for their loving Easter contribution. We are most greatful.

San Francisco Pronaos tells us that they had four Initiates in April. We congratulate this group on the wonderful growth they have made. Keep up the good work! Members of B.O.T.A., who wish to learn more about our San Francisco Pronaos can contact the Secretary, Rose Strongin at the Hotel Pickwick in San Francisco. We also wish to congratulate them upon their move to the Hotel Pickwick where they have been able to rent a very nice room for their meetings.

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The Officers and staff at Headquarters wish to thank all our wonderful members and friends, who helped make our Easter so blessed and joyous. The lovely cards were happily received and the wonderful response to our Easter letter leaves us without words to express our gratitude. Bless each and every one of you and may your loving generosity be as bread cast upon the waters.

POETRY FROM A PARISIAN FELLOW BUILDER

IN L. V. X.
by ERMANDA

O! respirer joyeux a la fleur de Sagesse,
Savoir comprendre en soi, sa forme et sa couleur,
Ecoutant ebloui tout au fond de son coeur
Chanter l'hymne d'Amour et gouter sa richesse.

Puiser au fil des jours aux sources du Destin
L'enseignement qui doit dans l'aube qui se leve
Nous apporter la Paix, realisant le reve
Cui sera notre force aux rayons du matin.

Regarder, delivre des desirs de ce monde
Passer devant nos yeux l'illusion des jours,
Et, decouvrir enfin le Bonheur et l'Amour
Dans l'immense douceur d'une bonte profonde.

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RECOMMENDED READING AND STUDY

The Apocrypha

The Light of Asia by Edwin Arnold

The Lotus Flower by George S. Arundale

Hermetic Alchemy by M. A. Atwood

A Treasury of Jewish Folklore by Ausubel

The Medical Discoveries of Edward Bach

Books by Alice Bailey

The Man and the Book Nobody Knows by Bruce Barton

Astrological Lore of All Ages by Elbert Benjamine

Talks on the Gita by Vinoba Bhave

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

by Rene Person
Temple Administrator

We often meet a man or woman in the seventies and eighties, who are dynamic, who seem to bubble over with the joy of living; and frequently we meet someone in their thirties and forties, who seem much too old for their years. Why is this so? What makes one old at 40 and another young at 80?

Acutally, youth is not a specific time of life; it is a mental attitude. A supple body, rosy cheeks and red lips, in themselves, do not make for youth; it is the agile mind, the quality of imagination, healthy emotions, a temper of will and the freshness of the deep springs of life. Youth means courage in adversity, a keen appetite for the adventure of life.

Years do not make a man old; he grows old when he sacrifices his ideals for love of ease. Years may wrinkle the flesh but fear, worry, doubt, hate, envy and despair wrinkle the soul.

"Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein." (Luke 18: 17).

In the heart of every human being, be he eight, eighteen or eighty, is the seed of wonder, the wonder at the immensity of the heavens and starlike things and thoughts. The thrill and challenge of the unknown, the joy of playing the game of Life. When we can realize this simple fact, we find that we are after all, as young as our faith, as old as our doubt; as young as our self-confidence, as old as our fears; as young as knowledge and as old as ignorance.

In the central place of your heart is the flame of Love. As long as you keep it burning, you are young. When you permit it to die down, you become old. So long as you feed this flame the fuel of beauty, faith, knowledge, hope, courage, and the divine love of God, and your fellow men, so long are you young!

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APPEAL TO MOST HIGH

by Henry Askeli
Fellow Builder

I am enduring
The forceps and intensity of heat,
The hardness of your anvil
And the blows of your hammer.
YOU are moulding me,
I am "growing" . . . smaller.

I am weary . . . still hopeful
That when I get cleaned out of
My Karmic dross
I will become more finished,
More complete;
More effective medium
In YOUR ceaseless work to
Perfect the world.

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AT HEADQUARTERS

SUNDAYS....11:00 A.M. HEALING SERVICES Ann Davies, Minister
PUBLIC WELCOME Arthur Redman, Associate Minister
Elinor M. Person, Associate Minister

TUESDAY ....8:00 P.M. PRONAOS CLASSES (B.O.T.A. MEMBERS ONLY)
Elinor M. Person, Artisan

THURSDAYS .8:00 P.M. THERE WILL BE NO THURSDAY PUBLIC LECTURES DURING THE MONTHS OF APRIL & MAY. EACH THURSDAY DURING JUNE & JULY THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL SERIES OF LECTURES BY THE REV. ANN DAVIES ON:

THE QABALISTIC PATHS TO THE INNER PLANES.

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OCCULT DICTIONARY

Boehme, Jacob: A great mystic philosopher. He was born about 1575 at Old Seidenburg and died in 1624. In his boyhood he was a common shepherd, and, after learning to read and write in a village school, became an apprentice to a poor shoemaker at Gorlitz. He was a natural clairvoyant of most wonderful powers. With no education or acquaintance with science he wrote works which are now proved to be full of scientific truths; but then, as he says himself, what he wrote upon, he "saw it as in a great Deep in the Eternal". He was a born Mystic, and evidently of a constitution which is most rare; one of those fine natures whose material envelope impedes in no way the direct, even if only occasional, intercommunion between the intellect and the spiritual Ego. It is this Ego which Jacob Boehme, like so many other untrained mystics, mistook for God; "Man must acknowledge," he writes, "that his knowledge is not his own, but from God, who manifests the ideas of Wisdom to the Soul of Man, IN WHAT MEASURE HE PLEASES." Had he had Qabalistic training, this wonderful mystic would have expressed this much differently. He would have known that the "god" who speaks within, who spoke through his poor unculturedand untutored brain, was his own Divine Ego, the OMNISCIENT DEITY within himself, and that what that Deity gave out was not in "what measure he pleased," but in the measure of the capacities of the mortal to receive what he was being given.

Bogey: Perhaps derived from the Slavonic bog, god.

Boh: (Gr.) A magical word greatly used to frighten children. "Boe," is synonymous with the Latin "Clamor" signifying our English "cry" and it is possible that the cry of the ox "boo" may have suggested this exclamation.

BONA-OMA, or Bona Dea: A Roman goddess, the patroness of female Initiates and Occultists. Also called Fauna after her father Faunus. She was worshipped as a prophetic and chaste divinity, and her cult was confined solely to women, men not even being allowed to pronounce her name. She revealed her oracles only to women, and the ceremonies of her Sanctuary (a grotto in the Aventine) were conducted by the Vestals, every 1st of May.

Bonze: The name given by Europeans to the Buddhist clergy of the Far East, particularly of Japan. In China the name is given to the priests of the Fohists.

Boodhasp (Chald.) An alleged Chaldean; but in esoteric teaching a Buddhist (a Bodhisattva), from the East, who was the founder of the esoteric school of Neo-Sabeism, and whose secret rite of baptism passed bodily into the Christian rite of the same name. For almost three centuries before our era, Buddhist monks overran the whole country of Syria, made their way into the Mesopotamian valley and visited even Ireland. The name "Ferho" and "Faho" of the Codex Nazaraeus is but a corruption of Fho, Fo and Pho, the name which the Chinese, Tibetans and even Nepaulese often give to Buddha.

BOOK OF THE DEAD: An arbitrary title given to an Egyptian funerary work called "pert em hru," the proper translation of which is: "coming forth by day," or "manifested in the light." The whole trend is thaumatmagic, as its purpose is to guard the dead against the dangers which they have to face in reaching the other world. There is an excellent thumb-nail explanation of this book in the ENCYCLOPEDIA OF OCCULTISM by Lewis Spence, an encyclopedia which we most sincerely recommend to our students. It can be obtained from Samuel Weiser Books, 845 Broadway, New York 3, New York.

BOOK of Keys: A Qabalistic book, also known as the Book of Secrets and long out of print.

Borri, Joseph Francis: A great Hermetic philosopher, born in Milan in the 17th century. He was an adept, an alchemist, and a devoted occultist. He knew too much and was, therefore, condemned to death for heresy, in January, 1661, after the death of Pope Innocent X. He escaped and lived many years after, when finally he was recognized by a monk in a Turkish village, denounced, claimed by the Papal Numcio, taken back to Rome and imprisoned, August 10, 1675. But facts show that he escaped from prison in a way no one could account for.

Borsippa (Chald.) The planet-tower, wherein Bel was worshipped in the days when astrolaters were the greatest astronomers. It was dedicated to Nebo, god of Wisdom.

BOTH-AL (Irish). The Both-al of the Irish is the descendant and copy of the Greek Batylos and the Beth-el of the Hebrews, the "house of God."

Botanomancy: A method of divination by means of burning the branches of vervein and brier, upon which were carved the questions of the practitioner.

Bottle Imps: A class of German spirits, similar to Familiars.

Bourru: A monkish apparition spoken of in many tales as that of an imaginary phantom which appears to the Parisians walking in the streets in the darkest hours of the night.

Bragadini, Marco Antonio: A Venetian Rosicrucian of great achievements, an Occultist and Qabalist who decapitated in 1595 in Bavaria. (How fortunate are we, today, who can study freely and without fear.) Are you counting your blessings?

Bragi (Scand). The god of New Life, of the reincarnation of nature and man. He is called the "divine singer" without spot or blemish. He is represented as gliding in the ship of the Dwarfs of Death during the death of nature (pralaya), lying asleep on the deck with his golden stringed harp near him and dreaming the dream of life. When the threshold of Nain, the Dwarf of Death is crossed, he awakens and sweeping the strings of his harp, sings a song describing the rapture of existence, and awakens dumb, sleeping nature out of her long death-like sleep.

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AN ADEPT CHANGED MY LIFE!

(Continued from last issue),
by The Rev. Ann Davies
Prolocutor General

I learned that the secret behind the efficacy of Tarot lies in the fact that subconsciousness responds to images and speaks through images. Indeed, the language of subconsciousness is the language of symbolic pictures! We dream in pictures, we think in pictorial forms, and when we speak to each other, we are giving descriptions to each other of images in our minds. The Western Occult Mystery School training system holds that not until we have learned how to open the channels to a two way communication system between self-conscious and subconscio states, can we possibly hope to fully transmute subconsciousness, which is an absolute prerequisite for the higher levels of Spiritual Awareness.

Subconsciousness holds the patterns of all our past thinking, feeling and responses to life in general. What subconsciousness holds as a pattern , colors everything we think, feel and do. It is the habit part of the mind. The conditionings which reside in subconsciousness are the greatest hindrance on the Path. No matter how often aspirants attempt to hold positive or enlightened states of mind, they find that the old and negative attitudes manage to creep back in, sooner or later. Consistent study and practice of Tarot as taught in the esoteric tradition down through the ages, remedies just this.

I entered the Great Adventure into Tarot and eventually a new earth and a new heaven started to open up to me. As frozen patterns melted in my subconsciousness I started to become aware of other levels of Life. I developed insight into people and changed my relationships into happy fulfilling ones. As the channels cleared, I became aware of the Guidance of the Higher Self and learned how to walk in contentment.

Tarot is not a fortune-telling device, though it has, and is used for divination. Its real and effective use is as a spiritual self-analytical psychological technique which works . . . if you work it. It is a Path, safe and sure, for attainment of freedom from our inner fears, freedom from sorrow and frustrations. It liberates the consciousness into Union with God. It might be called the Western Yoga, for Tarot is designed to guide aspirants towards liberation while being fully active with the responsibilities of daily affairs. It requires little more than half an hour a day, in the early stages, and even in the advanced techniques, one hour a day can bring about miracles of transformation.

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FROM OUR GRAB-BAG!

IT MAY BE A LONG WAY TO A GOAL, BUT IT IS NEVER VERY FAR TO THE NEXT STEP TOWARD IT.

THE SECRET PLACE

by Harriet B. Case
Grand Cancellaria

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty...He shall cover thee with His feathers and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

Where is that Secret Place? It is our inmost point of "Being", the Christ Self or God Self. To dwell there means to be constantly aware that this point of "Beingness" is the true Self. When we remember to remember this, we have no more fears, no worries, no sense of lack, no illness. On the contrary, we have a feeling of complete security, buoyant health and strength to do anything that is required of us, whether in our home, work or social-philanthropic activities. This is because we have come to realize that we truly are "centers of expression for the Primal Will to good", that it is the God-Self within us who is the real "doer" and director who now takes charge. (Actually He always has, but we did not recognize it and constantly interfered with our negative emotions, misconceptions and thinking that we carried the full burden.)

When we give up our belief in personal self-will and come to know that there is but One Will, God's, and listen for His inner guidance, our life becomes harmonious. If changes occur, we accept them without friction, and flow with the life-stream. All things are filled with a more radiant beauty, the flowers, trees, hills, sky and sea; the song of birds, and the faces of our fellowmen and women. Our creativeness is increased and there is a constant flowing out from God which always demands a flowing back.

Jesus the Christ said: "Seek and ye shall find", "Knock and it shall be opened to you" and "The Kingdom of Heaven is within." Therefore seek and you shall find that inner Wisdom and Understanding which makes the problems of life simple. The difficulties of life are caused by disharmony in the individual, lack of intergration and wholeness of the three lower bodies and the Soul. In the Kingdom of God there is no discord, there is only perfect love, perfect harmony, perfect honesty, perfect supply and perfect obedience to the Law.

When we have found the "Secret Place" and dwell therein, life takes on a glorious meaning and our hearts send forth constant streams of love and joy and gratitude to our Father-God to Whom we have like the Prodigal Son , returned humbly, yet proudly, to take up our heritage which for so long we rejected.

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"God, make me brave for life: oh, braver than this.
Let me straighten after pain, as a tree straightens after the rain,
Shining and lovely again.
God, make me brave for life; much braver than this.
As the blown grass lifts, let me rise
From sorrow with quiet eyes,
Knowing Thy way is wise.
God, make me brave, life brings
Such blinding things.
Help me to keep my sight;
Help me to see aright
That out of dark comes light." (by Grace Noll Crowell.)

D E S I R E

Rev. Elinor M. Person
Executive Counselor

Of all the powers of mind, one of the least understood is "Desire." Yes, it is a power - a power which can be deceptive and dangerous - yet, it is of the utmost necessity to the survival and progress of man.

When man was very young, not that he is at all old as yet, Desire was for the most part, purely animalistic. As man evolved, his mind became repelled by the animality of Desire but it also became fascinated by it. For a long time the mind was deceived by the sensuous delights brought by Desire. In fact, much of mankind today is not far beyond this state of evolution. Gradually, Desire brings a stimulation to the mind which creates resistance until the mind, seeing through its illusions, comes to know itself.

Desire is much like subconsciousness. It cannot taste, smell nor touch but it uses our senses to satisfy itself. It reaches out through our eyes and yearns after the beauty of color and form. Through our ears it listens to the sounds that stimulate sensation. With our tongue it tastes and feeds itself by arousing hunger. Subtle odors are picked up by the nose which arouse our various appetites.

Desire is a part of Life but its finest and fullest expression is found in man. Man must be its master, its director. It is the eternal hunger of Life which causes the constant coming and going of the breath. It is the many-branched root of the TREE OF LIFE, deep-seated in the organs of sex; its tentacles reach out through the senses into the ocean of Life and minister to its never-to-be-satisfied demands. Permitted to become a blind force, it will madden the passions and the ambitions. Used selfishly, it will draw out all the forces of the very body through which it feeds and leave the personality a hollow mask. It is a force which can enervate, stagnate and suffocate, and it is a form of death to all who do not convert it into knowledge and transmute it into Will. Desire is a magnate which draws all thought to itself and compels the mind to provide new rhythms for the dance of the senses. It demands new forms and objects for possession, new foods and drink to satisfy the appetite and dull the mind, new ambitions to pamper the personality and to cater to its egotism. Desire grows from, eats into and fattens on the mind.

But, without Desire there would be no Life. It is the force which causes nature to reproduce and bring forth all things. It is part of the Law of Attraction. Without it the sexes would refuse to mate and reproduce their kind . . . man could no longer incarnate . . . all forms would crumble into dust. Life and Thought would have no design in which to precipitate and crystalize and change. Thought, having no material on which to work, would cease to act and the mind would become a blank. Without Desire, the Breath of Life could not cause matter to become manifest, there would be no universe, no stars, no sun, no rainbow. All would dissolve and return to the primoridal ONE. Mind would never discover itself and the wonder of Life.

Mind and Desire spring from the same root substance but the mind is a great evolutionary step in advance of Desire. Because Desire is related to the mind, it has the power to charm, influence and deceive the mind into the belief that they are identical. It also has the power, when properly directed to stimulate the mind to great creativity, to evoke the highest forms of love and raise all mankind in the Divine evolutionary scheme.

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The mind cannot do without Desire, nor can Desire do without the mind. Man cannot do without Desire, nor can Desire do without man. Desire cannot be killed by man. Man must raise it from lower to ever higher levels. Desire cannot progress without the aid of man, but man can never progress, never know Himself, without being tested by Desire.

"Desires are the pulses of the soul; as physicians judge by the appetite, so may you by desires." (Manton)

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S O F T S O A P

Are you soft soaping God? Duz you Dreft along with the Tide? Vel now is the time to Cheer up. If you want real Joy the Trend is to Breeze to Church regularly on Sunday mornings. But too many Woodbury their heads in the pillow and remain in bed, or work getting the house or yard to Sparkle, forgetting that the Lord's Day was made for Lestoil. But were the Lord given first consideration a Dove would never have to send out an S. O. S. Don't trust to Lux by neglecting your worship. Maybe we ought to Dial you and remind you of the Ivory palaces up yonder. This is not just Babo, Bon Ami; worship is intended to add to your Lifebouy. So why not be faithful and Whisk out of bed early Sunday mornings, dress up Spic and Span, Dash like a Comet to God's House. Then as you sing Praise to God you'll get a wonderful Kleenzer for your soul. Pledge yourself with Zest; and Pride of conscience will be yours. Let's all pull together like a 20 Mule Team. (A contribution from Apprentice Builder Ann Eckert)

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BOOKS.....BOOKS.....BOOKS.....BOOKS.....

ALL ORPHAN BOOKS WILL FIND A HAPPY HOME AT

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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER
THE REV. ANN DAVIES

As the sky-line of the great City of New York faded from view, I could not help but feel a Pang of regret. Our stay had been so joyous and I left a bit of my heart with all my beloved Fellow Builders. Surely, Queens could not have received a more royal welcome than was extended to Mrs. Paul Foster Case and myself. We shall never forget the wonderful cooperation we received which enabled us to achieve the mission of our visit. The enthusiastic attendance and response to the lecture I gave at the Park-Sheraton Hotel has added to the treasure house of my memory.

As your Spiritual Leader it gives me great pleasure to bring the happy news to all our Fellow Builders, of another Qabalistic Temple of Builders of the Adytum. Our newest addition is NEW YORK PRONAOS # 101. Members in New York and near-by areas will now be able to avail themselves of the privilege of our sacred Ritualistic Work. They will be able to receive one of the most beautiful Initiation ceremonies ever given through me by the Inner School. The regular Ritualistic Work of Pronaos, the Initiations and group study, all help to intensify the spiritual aspiration so vital to the student on the Path. It forms a more stable link between the Inner School, myself, the Chapter, Pronaons and all our members. Pronaos is the preliminary step which prepares the student for the still higher, unwritten, Esoteric Work of Chapter. Aspirants who desire to teach and carry on the Great Work of our Order will need Pronaos in order to receive the necessary training. In Pronaos they will also receive the opportunity to teach as each Pronaon will have the opportunity, should he or she desire it, to speak out and when ready they will also be given the opportunity to lead classes.

While in New York, I had the happy privilege to Initiate and install the following Officers of New York Pronaos # 101.

ARTISAN	Mayo Rose Fernandez
SECRETARY & PURIFIER OF PRONAOS	Mary Ruedi
TREASURER & CONSECRATOR OF PRONAOS	Arsen Goshkarian
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES	Earl Lonsbury
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KEEPER OF THE NORTHERN CHAOS	William Zukiewicz
KEEPER OF THE PORTAL	Daisy Bonner
PRONAOS ORDINATOR	Octavio Gonzalez
KEEPER OF THE ROBES	Ethel Zukiewicz

Also Initiated were, Germain Tripp and Senta Goodman. Our lovely Germaine is moving to California and we shall soon have the pleasure of her presence here. Welcome Germaine and have a wonderful trip!

Members wishing to attend New York Pronaos # 101 may receive further information about it by writing to the Artisan, Mayo R. Fernandez, 25 West 54th Str., New York 19, New York. To be eligible for membership in Pronaos you must be a B.O.T.A. member in good standing.

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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER
THE REV. ANN DAVIES

(CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE).

I am planning a visit to San Francisco Pronaos # 2 sometime in September. Our members will be notified of the exact date well in advance. I am looking forward to meeting our wonderful members and friends in the San Francisco area. They will be happy to know that I have a most important message to bring them.

Now is the time for all Fellow Builders to rally round our beloved B.O.T.A. Speak of the sacred teachings and Tarot whenever possible to those whom you think will be sympathetic or who may need help. (Do not show your lessons). Write to Headquarters, to the Executive Counselor and let her know that you desire a Pronaos in your area. She will give you the necessary information as to how to organize one. If there are not enough members in your area to start a Pronaos, see to it that the message of the "Open Door" is placed where seekers of the Greater Light may find them. Ask your Public Library if you may leave a few with their other pamphlets. Give them to friends and acquaintances. You who aid in bringing others upon the Path, who lead others to the Way, are furthering the ideals and sacred mission of B.O.T.A. There is no finer way to show your appreciation to the Great Work than by giving to, serving and helping to perpetuate the Divine Heritage left us by our Masters and Adepts of old, and now so humbly and lovingly shared with you.

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And only the Master shall praise us, and only the Master shall blame;

And no one shall work for money, and no one shall work for fame;

But each for the joy of working, and each, in his separate star,

Shall draw the Thing as he sees It, for the God of Things, as They Are!

(The Seven Seas: L'Envoi, by Kipling).

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THE PAUL CASE NOTEBOOK

THE SECRET DOCTRINE OF THE TAROT

PART THREE

Each letter also indicates one of the twenty-two Paths of emanations uniting the Sephiroth. These Paths are Powers, effects, kinds, forms, degrees, or stages of emanation. Each has a name including the word "intelligence," modified by an adjective or a phrase showing the particular kind of intelligence ascribed to each degree. A complete diagram of the Sephirotic Tree reveals that each Path has a specific letter attributed to it, and each bears also the number and title of the corresponding Tarot trump.

From all this, we see that our interpretation is not based on mere guess-work nor fantastic revery. From our study of the letters and their implicits we shall be able to form a very definite idea of what the pictures depicted in the Tarot Keys mean, even before we try to analyze them. The titles and numbers, too, give us considerable additional information.

When we turn our attention to the pictures, we shall not be led astray by apparent meanings. With the help of the instructions left us by the Masters and Adepts of old, the ancient Qabalists who preceded us, we shall be able to very accurately determine the significance of each element in the designs, and thus we shall, at last, come to know exactly what is represented by each of the greater arcana.

Even then we shall have learned only the A B C of the Tarot. For the Keys may be combined in so many different ways, and the symbolism implies so much, that we may study the cards every day for a lifetime and always find something new in them. In this brief discourse, I am not attempting to tell you <u>all</u> about the Tarot, but am simply trying to make the principles of its construction and some of the meanings of its emblems as clear as possible, so that you may use it to deepen your understanding and add to your knowledge.

No interpretation can take the place of the Tarot itself. You must provide yourself with a pack of the cards if you really want to learn the secret they veil. You may obtain a pack from Builders of the Adytum. You will find the sizes and prices listed on the back cover of each issue of the ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES.

The first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, Aleph suggests beginning, or primary manifestation. The letter A, in fact, has this meaning all over the world. As Furlong says in FAITHS OF MAN: "A stands commonly for the first of all existences, the Maha-deva, or Supreme. It represents the agent of creation, even when typified by the bull. It is shrouded in the complicated Sanskrit A called the 'Supreme' - - - Vishnu or Krishna." Students of the Bhagavad-Gita will remember the Krishna's words, "Among the letters I am the vowel A." In Revelation Christ is called the Alpha. Le Plongeon also states that among the Maya Indians this letter indicated the Deity, or universal generative power.

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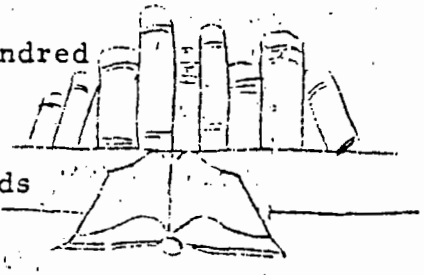
Our Cabalistic Temple has a new look and from the many exclamations of admiration...it has won a unanimous approval. The East wall is covered by lovely gold satin drapes. The soft folds and muted gleam help to create the proper atmosphere for for reverence and meditation. The The Pillars too, are new and we are very happy that we have been able to obtain the Lotus buds for the tops. It is indeed an impressive and inspiring sight, to see our Pillars alight and our Temple gradually developing in decor as it should. We hope to have the interior completed by this Fall. Members wishing to contribute toward this aim, are asked to send their contributions to E.C.T.A. TEMPLE FUND. Please know that we are most grateful for all help received.

Money contributed to the Temple Fund will go to the repainting of the Temple, the interior Temple and Office walls and drapes for our Temple windows. The remainder will be held in reserve for additional improvements in the near future, and for bearing a portion of the expense of upkeep.

The sincere thanks of the Grand Chapter and all our members go forth to our Fellow Builders who gave so generously of their time and special knowledge in actually making these improvements, and to those whose monetary gifts will go toward helping us complete this project.

As our Spiritual Leader points out in her article on pages 5 & 6, we are interested primarily in the perpetuation and dissemination of the Truths and Ideals of E.O.T.A. However, mere growth in numbers or in finances is not our sole aim. An expanding membership and financial stability are most desirable, and indicate a healthy, live organism. Let us continue to concentrate on the harmonious assimilation of our growth, and on diffusing the inner, esoteric power of our Templ ever more widely and helpfully.

Before long our Temple will probably have four or five hundred members, which is excellent. Our auxilary Temples in San Francisco, New York City, etc., will also grow considerably. In the near future we hope to establish many other auxilary Temples for the convenience of the thousands of our members who as yet, do not have this privilege.



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Let us visualize our large membership working and studying together in harmony and fraternal love. Then, let each member do his or her part to actualize these ideals every time his or her foot is placed inside the Temple.

Our San Francisco Pronaos reports a most successful public lecture which was given at the Hotel Pickwick on May 24th. Frater Lotterhand gave the lecture which was entitled "Wisdom of the Ages." San Francisco Pronaos #2 is proudly displaying a lovely new Censer and Cup. Both were donated by members of the San Francisco Pronaos and as if these are not wonderful gifts enough . . . along came another Apprentice Builder who donated their robes! Such diligence and love will surely be rewarded.

Our newest Temple, New York Pronaos # 101, is also showing us all its heels! Today, came the news that they too, have received their Censer and Cup! Getting so this poor reporter just cannot keep up with all the doings! But, best of luck you wonderful Builders . . . I love being kept hopping!!!Pardon me. . .Roving!!!!!!

On June 4th, at Temple Headquarters, the sacred Cabalistic rite of Baptism was performed by the Rev. Elinor M. Person. Our small candidates for the Cabalistic ceremony are the two lovely daughters of Phil and Toni Benjamin and the three lovely daughters of George and Margaret Williams. Our newest Sororos were formally given their Qabalistic names as well as their earthly names. Present at this inspiriing and beautiful ritual were: Apprentice Builders John & Anna Spencer and Frater Emory Huston.

We offer sincere congratulations to Betty Isabel and Julia Ann Benjamin; and to Kim, Karen and Karla Williams. Fortunate indeed, are these little ones starting so early in life, with their footsteps firm and sure upon the Path of Return.

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QABALISTIC SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENS OCT. 1 AT 11:00 A.M.

B.O.T.A. gives its children an opportunity to grow into the Qabalistic ideals. They learn, not by rote, but by doing themselves, what they wish and plan to do and be. There are carefully graded classes which give them a knowledge of themselves, and their place in the world, and stimulates them to ideals of harmony with all others. There is a work period when they spend some time in learning how to direct their glorious minds and imaginations into the proper channels. There are stories which will help to develop their love of all that is beautiful. We are helping the youth of today to become the adepts of tomorrow. We are building a Junior Library which will guide them in useful reading.

At present we can take only a few more members into our Sunday School Group due to limited space. If you are planning to enter your child in our Sunday School please send for your application now. Why not attend our Sunday Services as your child attends Sunday School?

A QABALISTIC HOME IS A HAPPY HOME!

PRONAOS REPORT

We are organizing another Pronaos at Headquarters for those who are as yet in the early Courses of our curriculum or for those who might want to review. At this time it is in a very preliminary stage as we do not know just how many of our members would like to participate in this Pronaos work. If enough members send in a written request, we shall be most happy to open Pronaos # 3 this Fall. The only requirement is that you must be a member of S. O. T. A., in good standing. By that we mean that you must be receiving the lessons by mail. It does not matter where you are in the work. However, we must know how many would like to attend this Pronaos Class. We must have at least 12 members in order to open it. And, we must know by the first of September... so... drop us a line now.

Los Angeles Apprentice Builders, of Pronaos # ONE, will be taking their next higher Initiation this Fall or early this winter. We congratulate them and wish them luck. Remember, in order to participate in this advancement, you must keep your record of attendance... no more than one absence a month is permitted.

Los Angeles Pronaos will be closed for vacatio during July, August and September. Have fun... get rest... catch up on those lessons... and come back rarin to go!!!!

New York Pronaos # 101 will not be closing this summer. Our New York members will be most happy to know that the New York Pronaos is air-conditioned! Those of our members in the New York area desiring to know more about Pronaos # 101 may write to: Mrs. Mayo R. Fernandez, 25 West 54th St., New York 19, N.Y. Our beloved Soror Fernandez is Artisan of the New York Pronaos and you will find her charming and a wonderful teacher.

San Francisco Pronaos will be closed for July and August and we wish our brothers and sisters of Pronaos #2 a most wonderful summer. We know that this Fall they will be making big strides forward.

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RECOMMENDED READING

Books by Alice Bailey

THE MAN AND THE BOOK NOBODY KNOWS by Bruce Barton

BEGINNERS HOROSCOPE MAKER by Elbert Benjamin

THE SEARCH FOR BRIDEY MURPHY by Morey Bernstein

THE DAY CHRIST DIED by Jim Bishop

ISIS UNVEILED by H. P. Blavatsky

THE SECRET DOCTRINE by H. P. Blavatsky

The above mentioned books are suggested for your enjoyment and or the knowledge contained therein. We do not claim to agree with all the theories expressed nor do we have them for sale.

HAVE YOU MADE A MISTAKE?

By Rene' Person, Temple Administrator

In the building of the Adytum, the Lord of Life has planned that the dust from the polishing of the stones shall be ground as a mortar to bind the stones that we have laid.

We have called that mortar "Experience." It is mixed with the sweat of our efforts, the blood of our agonis and the tears of our frustrations, so that there may forever be a part of us with each stone that is laid. But the edifice is perfumed with our ideals, our joys, our faith and our diligence, that it may forever offer up an incense of sweet remembrance upon the altars of our hearts, to the Lord of Life.

A mistake, my beloved brothers and sisters, is a sacred thing, it is Experience and you should give thanks for it, and should learn to call it by its true name; for out of it, like the Phoenix from the flame, comes the perfection that is the glory of Life's tomorrows.

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TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AT HEADQUARTERS

SUNDAYS 11:00 A.M. HEALING SERVICES Ann Davies, Minister
PUBLIC WELCOME Arthur Redman, Associate Minister
Elinor M. Person, Associate Minister

TUESDAY 8:00 P.M. PRONAOS CLASSES (B.O.T.A. MEMBERS ONLY)
Elinor M. Person, Artisan

THURSDAYS 8:00 P.M. EACH THURSDAY THROUGH JUNE & JULY
PUBLIC WELCOME

THE QABALISTIC PATHS TO THE INNER PLANES
By The Rev. Ann Davies
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TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR CREATOR....ADYTUM GREMLINS!

on Feb. 2nd, this date in Rome coincided with the penitential processions derived from the pagan Amburbale in which the officiants carried lights. That custom and the reference in Simeon's song have made this the day for the blessing of candles for the year and a procession with candles, whence the name.

Cancer.....4th sign of the zodiac. Ruled by the Moon.

A Calvary Cross.....A Latin cross mounted on three steps.

Cardinal.....The Latin, cardo means a hings; its adjective cardinalis (from which we get cardinal) meant originally "pertaining to a hings," hence, that on which something turns or depends. Hence, in Rome, a Cardinal Church, was a principal or parish church as distinguished from an oratory attached to such, and the chief priest, was the cardinal, the body of cardinals forming the Council of the Pope and electing the Pope from their own number. This did not become a stabilized regulation till after the third Lateran Council (1173) since when the College of Cardinals has consisted of six cardinal bishops, fifty cardinal priests, and fourteen cardinal deacons. The cardinal's red hat was made part of the official vestments by Innocent IV (1245) "in token of their being ready to lay down their life for the gospel."

Cardinal numbers....The natural primitive numbers, which answer the question "how many?" such as 1, 2, 3, etc. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc., are ordinal numbers.

Cardinal points of the compass: Due North, West, East and South. So called because they are the points on which the intermediate ones, such as, NE, NW, NNE, etc., hinge or hang.

Cardinal signs...(of the zodiac) The two equinoctial and the two solstitial signs, Aries and Libra, Cancer and Capricorn.

Carmelites....Mendicant friars, the first rule of whose Order is said to have been given John, patriarch of Jerusalem, A.D. 400, and to have been formed from the records of the prophet Elijah's life on Mount Carmel. Also called White Friars, from their white cloaks.

Carthage.....Kereth or Carth; it means City (Heb. KRTh) also Kirjath; Persian, cirta. There was a Cirta in Numidia, and Tigranocirta in Armenia, and Kartat in Zebulun; Carthadam signified "new state" in Phoenician Utica was the old city near which Carthage was built; and old name for Carthage was Origo.

Carnelian.....A symbol of widdom or intuition. Carnelian, being red, was sacred to Isis.

Castor and Pollux: In Roman mythology, the twin sons of Jupiter and Leda. Jupiter is said to have visited Leda in the form of a swan; she produced two eggs, from one of which sprang Castor and Clytemnestra, and from the other Pollux and Helen.

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AN ADEPT CHANGED MY LIFE!

(Continued from last issue).

by The Rev. Ann Davies
Prolocutor General

From the time we met, I never left the side of Dr. Case. As soon as a few of the serious subconscious patterns had become transmuted, he proceeded to train me t to make my own direct contact with the Inner School (composed of Adepts who have attained). At first, I was quite startled and abashed to discover that Dr. Case had an uncanny perception of my inner immature emotional states. But I soon discovered that his perceptions never included the slightest condemnation. This made it possible for me to face myself ever more honestly, which is such an essential aspect of self-transmutation.

His sense of humor was delightful also. I recall the time when there were some important practical matters regarding the organization which required attention and Dr. Case was so absorbed in some occult research, that he was letting the matter slide. As the direct approach had not worked, I decided to try influencing him in a more direct manner so that he could see how important it was. I proceeded to chat with him conversationally about another subject entirely and then gradually led the topic of discussion around to where I intended it to be, trying to make it seem as though the idea had come up naturally on its own. I noted a strange expression on his face, and then finally he broke out into uncontrollable laughter, mixed with the kind of amusement one has for the antics of a precocious child.

"Ann," he said to me, chuckling with indulgent affection, "I knew what you were up to from the very beginning, but I was so impressed with the cleverness of your technique and the sweet tact and patience you were displaying, that I would not have stopped your magnificent performance for anything in the world! You are a rascal, but you shall have your reward for entertaining me! Come, lets get that job done!"

I became more than comfortable around Dr. Case, despite the fact that he saw through me. He taught me that laughter is an important ingredient in love and acceptance of oneself and others. He kept testing my development perceptions as the years went on, and little by little I discovered that he was putting ever more of the responsibilities of B. O. T. A. in my hands. I lived with Dr. and Mrs. Case in their home for many years, as my training continued. We worked and lived together as a happy threesome, and when Dr. & Mrs. Case went off on lecture tours I took care of the work by myself, which included printing and mailing the weekly lessons of our correspondence courses to members all over the world.

When Dr. Case informed me that I had been under special training in order to have the spiritual qualifications to carry on, after his part of our spiritual mission was complete . . . I felt a profound humility. Two years before he left his physical vehicle, he told me that I must start giving lectures and conducting classes. This was the last thread he wove into the fabric of my destiny. He had now placed the final responsibility in my hands.

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But though he left his physical vehicle, he never left the work of Builders of the Adytum. Along with my contact with the Inner School, I have the sure knowledge and inspiration of continued guidance and love from Dr. Case, who serves even more effectively now, if that were possible, than he did while functioning on the physical plane.

I came to scoff, I stayed to praise, and now it is my glorious privilege to represent a system of spiritual training, which is, without question, a gift to humanity from on High. The thousands of human beings who have been able to build a new heaven and a new earth, and the thousands who are building it, are a living attestation to Tarot and Qabalah, that amazing age-old occult training system which will give you the Keys to the Mysteries.

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THE EMPEROR

Rightness of your Reason brings
A joyful confidence,
And suddenly the world just sings
With thoughts that make new sense.

It used to be these mountains red
Produced futility,
But through your eyes I have been led
To see fertility.

I look with interest at your globe
That bears inverted T,
And like the Priestess' flowing robe,
It opens worlds for me.

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HIEROPHANT

Oh, mysteries
Of soundless sounds
Of knowing
That is like a bubbling well
When thirst is great
And precious bursts of color
When the gray would turn my heart
To dust!

Hierophant, I only wish
To silence all my speeding, crashing, head-on thoughts
And leave the road quite clear
For your advance.

by Maridel Dyke
Fellow Builder

EXPRESSING RADIANCE

by Harriet B. Case
Grand Cancellaria

"Not thanks, not prayer seem quite the highest or truest name for our communication with the Infinite, but glad conspiring reception, reception that becomes giving in its turn. ----It seems to me that the wit of man (his strength, his grace, his art) is the Grace and Presence of God. . . . It is God in us which checks the language of petition by a grander thought. In the bottom of the heart it is said: 'I am. By me, oh child, this fair body and world of thine stands and grows. I am; all things are mine and all mine are thine.'" (from Emerson's Journal.)

God, the One Life, or the Life-power Innermost and Most High, is indeed the creator and giver of all. We do not need to petition like hungry waifs before a baker's door. What is needed, is that more and more, we come to the clear realization of who and what we are, i.e., sons and daughters of God, sharers and inheritors of His love, His wisdom, His power and His bounty. He does not withold it from us, it is we who block the channels of all supply by our ignorant and self-willed delusion of separateness.

Man lives in a physical world, a dense dark world of matter (still Spirit, but at its lowest rate of vibration) but he is, in his real nature light. Man is a spirit and is a part of the whole of life, part of God, part of his fellow beings and all creation. Humanity is evolving - slowly to be sure - but through the long process of evolution man has achieved self-consciousness, and he has now reached a stage on the path of spiritual evolution where he can be quickened in consciousness, awakened to his true nature and shown the path which leads to freedom. Incidently, all Tarot students should realize how valuable are the Tarot Keys and the Holy Qabalah in helping us to tread this path of return to freedom.

Man cannot live for himself alone. Every action, every word and every thought has its effect upon the world around him, and by prayer, which is sincere, from the heart, man not only helps himself to awaken to the beauty of the life of the spirit, but he assists all men to do the same. He radiates the light of spiritual beauty and love. True prayer is a lifting of the heart and mind to the Christ Consciousness within; holding ourselves and those for whom we wish light, healing, or help of any kind, in that radiant light which IS the true Self of each of us. True prayer is also gratitude and praise. It is a state or attitude of consciousness which we can hold constantly within, even if outwardly our every day mind is having to deal with worldly matters.

As you breath in with the consciousness of the light of the spirit, you are breathing in the Holy Breath (RUACH). This cleanses and purifies the body and revivifies it. Remember too, that with every conscious inbreathing of the breath of creation, and with every aspiration and effort that you make to find the truth, you are drawing nearer to God, and to fulfilling the purpose for which you have come into this incarnation, - to be a Center of expression for the Primal Will to Good (Key 1, the Magician) and a co-Administrator with God (Key 21, the World-Cosmic Consciousness.)

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" In the deserts of the heart
Let the healing fountain start . . ."
(from Collected Poems by W. H. Auden).



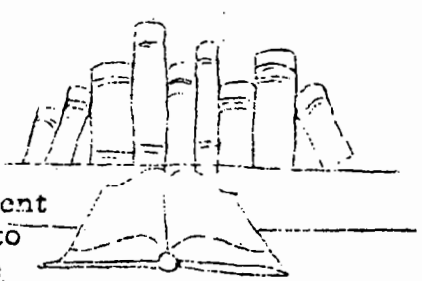
TIMELESS TRUTHS
by P. T. L.

"At the present time, the great foes to any rapid advance in the spirituality of religion, are materialism and formalism . . . Against these phases of so-called religion, the free inward consciousness and liberty of the true spiritual and higher man, always rebels; the inner man, drawn by the Deity, desires to see a worship from the heart, sentiment and soul, and not mere formal observance of creeds and books, a mere repetition of words and genuflections of the body as a saving Grace and a true road to Salvation. To such, the spiritualistic philosophy of the higher phases of the Cabalistic system, when truly searched for, contemplated, and understood; opens her arms, and from its great height in the Unknown Essence of the Supreme Deity, the Eternal Boundless One, gives an opportunity for the reception, and acquisition of the grandest and noblest ideas, to the highest and most subtile order of religious spiritual thought. The greatest Mystics of the past, be they John Tauler, Thomas A Kempis (Hamerkin), Saint Theresa, or Dionysios, the Areopagite, have all been under the influence of ideas which are fully included in those of the Cabalistic philosophy. As to the materialists: "What are they finding more and more below facts, below all phenomena which scalpel and the microscope can show? A something nameless, invisible, imponderable, yet seemingly omnipresent and omnipotent, retreating before them deeper and deeper, the deeper they delve, namely; the life whi ch shapes and makes . . . more and more the noblest minded of them, are engrossed by the mystery of that unknown and truly miraculous element in nature, which is always escaping them, though they cannot escape it." "
(from Qabbalah, The Philosophical Writings of Ibn Gebirol, published in 1888).

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RECOMMENDED READING

The Healing Power of Faith by Will Oursler
Many Wonderful Things by Irene Specht
Man Is Not Alone by A. J. Heschel
Guideposts Anthology by Norman Vincent Peale
Life Everlasting by Maria Corelli
Romance of Two Worlds by Marie Corelli
Channels of Spiritual Power by Frank C. Laubach



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QUOD VIDES?
(What Seest Thou?)

by Elinor M. Person
Associate Minister

"First the stone, then the plant, then the animal, then the man, and then the superman," is an old aphorism declaring the fact of an upward movement perceptible everywhere. From the condensation of a flaming nebula into a vast solar system, and on through all subsequent manifestations until man appears, we find in all things, all creatures, an unceasing urge toward higher and higher levels of consciousness; a constant striving toward higher planes of achievement.

In the lower kingdoms it is an unconscious urge, controlled by Cosmic Law which does everything to preserve and improve the genus and the species. It seemingly takes little account of the fate of the individual. On the human level, however, we see this blind impulse transmuted into conscious aspiration. The mind of man has the power to look ahead, to imagine, it has the magic potency of expectation and can make mental pictures. Man dreams of finer things and manifests his dreams.

Nations progress to the degree that the people who mold the national consciousness aspire and make determined efforts toward betterment. All determined effort is motivated by aspiration. The blind struggle for survival which characterizes the lower orders of life is transmuted in human hearts into specific desires for more beautiful forms of expression, broader fields of activity and a closer approach to perfection in every phase of living.

The height of man's aspiration is unlimited and one word expresses it better than any other: V I S I O N! No truer words were ever written than: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." When a fading dream is not replaced by a better one, the aspirations of the heart die, effort ends, progress ceases.

Nothing is more fatal to an aspirant than the delusion that he has attained to all there is; or that there are no further heights to scale. This is the delusion that caused the decline and fall of nations. For want of Vision Babylon and Assyria are dust-heaps, Egypt is a ghostly memory of faded glories, Roman power is mocked by her skeleton-like ruins, while the level of civilization in modern Greece falls far below what it was in the days of Socrates, Plato and Euripides.

The destinies of nations are molded by the VISIONS of men and women who mold the Race-Thought. There are always leaders in the public eye, but behind them is the hidden influence of those who know and use this tremendous power of aspiration. It is the secret force of the mental attitude of the unknown millions who have forgotten how to direct and apply it, which cause a Nation to rise or fall. Thus it is to the single person, who is the unit of national life, that wise men in every age of history have directed their instruction, their doctrine of divine knowledge. Let enough persons understand the power of aspiration and put it to GOOD WORKS, and the nation to which they belong must prosper, must develop a grander VISION, "A New Heaven On Earth" must manifest.

Without action, no high goal may ever be attained. Right action is impossible unless preceded by right aspiration. Aspiration must be cultivated and directed, if man is to express the higher degrees of power that distinguish him from lower orders of existence. What everyone needs to know is how to cultivate right aspiration toward the highest, truest and most worthy objectives. Then, to this knowledge must be added the specific methods which will lead to the actual accomplishment of the end in view. It is for this reason the Adepts left us the Wisdom of TAROT and the HOLY QABALAH.

PAUL CASE NOTEBOOK

THE SECRET DOCTRINE OF TAROT
PART FOUR

Our first Tarot Key in the major arcana is called "The Fool." If we say a man has neither imagination, opinion or reason, we practically call him an idiot. If we assume that Spirit is a big man, living in some remote corner of space, we are mentally creating a foolish deity. The God of the ignorant is a fool, the God of the wise is foolishness to the ignorant. As Paul says, "The natural man discerneth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him." Hence, the Zero card of the Tarot, which represents the primary expression of Spirit, is called THE FOOL. To the initiated its title means "That which is folly to the profane."

Zero is the appropriate mathematical symbol attributed to our first Tarot Key. The true meaning of Zero is "absence of quantity," which is quite different from "non-being." The Zero-sign is a circle, which, the world over, is an emblem of eternity, perfection and changelessness. It is also a common symbol of solar force.

The mathematical properties of Zero show that it is far from representing "that which is not." It cannot be added to, nor subtracted from, nor can we multiply or divide it. But in combination with other figures it stands for multiplication by ten. Thus 1, by joining it to 0, becomes 10; 2 becomes 20, and so on. Hence this figure is the sign of a power, free from every qualification, which works in combination with definite forms to produce a ten-fold increase. This is a clue to the connection between the meaning of Zero and the Qabalistic doctrine of ten-fold emanation from a limitless, indefinable Absolute. More than this, I cannot say at this time. To understand the deeper, esoteric meanings of this Key and the clue hinted at here, and for that matter, the Keys which follow, requires study and application as well as a burning, all consuming desire to achieve the Ultimate Goal.

The Hebrew letter Beth is attributed to the second Tarot Key. In its original form it was a crude picture of an arrow-head. It is unmistakable in the Phoenician alphabet, and the form used on the Mesha Stone is but slightly different. In modern Hebrew, of course, all resemblance to the early hieroglyphics has been lost, as the square letters employed today are of a comparatively recent invention.

Every Hebrew letter stands for a kind of consciousness and Beth is the sign for mental acuteness, or penetration. It represents the sort of intelligence that manifests itself in quick perception, accurate observation, keen discernment, sagacity and the like.

Beth also suggests initiative, direction, control, the concentration of energy in a particular field, and its specialization in definite forms. This idea of concentration is inseparable from the original form of the letter. The word "concentrate" is derived from the Greek "kentron," an arrow-point. The same Greek word also means the point around which a circle is described, which shows that it implies the notion of definite locality and order.

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Beth means "house," suggesting inclosure, limitation to a special field, definite locality, and so on. As a house is the dwelling place of its owner, so is the kind of mental action related to Beth the abode of the Spirit because it centers the Cosmic Mind in a particular, local expression. Houses represent architecture, the art to which we owe many of the fundamental discoveries in geometry. (Here we may note that a point, or kentron, is the beginning of all geometrical matter). The connection between geometry and architecture is especially emphasized in the written work of Freemasonry.

The mental activity formulated in geometry is one that examines and investigates, engages in research, collects facts and classifies them. It analyzes phenomena, to find the laws they represent. It puts questions to nature, finds the answers by patient investigation combined with inductive reasoning, and applies the knowledge so acquired in practical ways that are an improvement upon natural conditions.

The result of all this work is Understanding. The Cabalists call our attention to this when they make the Path of the Tree of Life corresponding to Beth, originate in Kether, the Primal Will, and complete itself in Binah. Binah is the Hebrew term for Understanding.

The student who is really in search of more light should not fail to observe that Kether is an androgyne Sephirah, while Binah is feminine. The results of the mental activity attributed to Beth are feminine, or reproductive. At the same time, the activity itself is masculine, for its main characteristic is initiative and so, the Tarot picture that symbolizes it is a figure of a man.

To Beth is assigned the number 1. The number 1, besides denoting unity, singleness, and individuality, implies solitude, seclusion, or privacy. Hence it is the mathematical sign of magic, the Hidden Science, kept from the multitude because only the few can grasp it. The Emerald Tablet of Hermes, one of the earliest magical documents, begins with the affirmation, "All things are from One." The very heart of magical philosophy and practice is this doctrine of the essential unity of all things. It is repeated again and again in the Bible, which begins by saying, "In the beginning, God . . .;" and which throws more light on the question by declaring that "God is One," and completes the revelation in the sentence, "God is Spirit." Who knows the meaning of these three statements knows the essence of all scriptures. But by "knowledge" I do not mean intellectual assent. The only way anyone really knows the truth of these three statements is by following the ancient way that makes of the mind a transparent jewel through which the light of Divine Wisdom, shining into the house of the soul, perfects the understanding.

The title of this Key is THE MAGICIAN. The central figure is one of the magi, skilled in the art of producing effects by mastery of the secret forces of Nature. The foundation of his art is the Hermetic axiom that all things are from One; that all forces are manifestations of a single energy, which in its essence is pure Consciousness. This energy we have seen; it comes into the world as the light and heat of the sun. The Magician, therefore, symbolizes the kind of consciousness that enables us to control the various manifestations of the solar force, and direct them so as to bring about definite pre-arranged results.

That there is more to this Key, and that it can be interpreted in other ways is ture, though all of them start from the root-idea of concentration. It would take many more pages than I have at my disposal to set down all the material that I have collected in connection with this one trump. There is no end to what one may learn from the Tarot. All I can do here, is to help you make a right beginning, and give you some hints as to what you may expect to find out for yourself later on through proper study of the subject.

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PREVIEWS

We have had a busy and interesting summer here at Headquarters. Many friends dropped in to see us from various parts of the country. This year our beloved Spiritual Leader, the Rev. Ann Davies, extended her Public Lectures through the month of July. Thus, some of our vacationing members from out of the State were able to attend. Their happy comments added to our joy and if you were not able to visit us this year, we hope we shall have the privilege of meeting you next year, or even sooner!

As this goes to press, I note that we shall have the pleasure of hearing Douglas Low on Thursday, Sept. 14th at 8:00 P.M. at Temple Headquarters. Mr. Low is a most remarkable young man and is well-known for his many booklets on Yoga and Hawaiian religion,etc., and also for his radio talks on the popular Ben Hunter shows. Our local members and friends will receive mailed announcements in plenty of time as we know no one will want to miss this exciting event. The title of Mr. Low's lecture is: THE NEW RELIGION OF SCIENCE AND MYSTICISM.

Our San Franciscans will be thrilled to learn that the Rev. Ann Davies is giving a Public Lecture on Friday, Sept. 22nd at 8:00 P.M., in the Franciscan Room of the Sir Francis Drake Hotel. The title of her talk will be: HOW TAROT AND QABALAH UNVEILS THE MYSTERY BEHIND INITIATION. The Rev. Davies will be accompanied by her Associate Minister, Rev. Elinor M. Person. Pronaons in the San Francisco area will be able to talk to Rev. Person, who is in charge of all Pronaoi on Thursday, Sept. 21st, 8:00 P.M., at their Pronaos Headquarters; Hotel Pickwick, 5th Street just off Market. Both the Rev. Ann Davies and Rev. Person will visit San Francisco Pronaos # 2 on the above mentioned date. We hope all Pronaons and Associate Builders will take this opportunity to learn more about the importance and advantage of Pronaos participation.

This year our younger Qabalists take the spot-light as they enter Qabalistic Sunday School. Lovely Apprentice Builder, Helen Babros will be instructing our QABAL-LIGHTS. These Classes will be held in the Front Office at Temple Headquarters each Sunday morning at 11:00 A.M., beginning Oct. 1st. Is your son or daughter missing the privilege of sharing in this fun and wisdom? Space limits attendance in this special group and only a few openings are left, so, please register your young Qabalist now.

Los Angeles Pronaos #ONE will reopen Tuesday, Oct. 3rd at 8:00 P.M. There will be no Pronaos Initiation into this Class during October. All S.O.T.A. members are eligible to join Pronaos and prepare for the higher, esoteric and unwritten Qabalistic Work. Fellow Builders who are in the Course of TAROT FUNDAMENTALS, LESSON # 20 or beyond are eligible to enter this Advanced Pronaos Class which meets each Tuesday evening. Rev. Elinor M. Person, Executive Counselor, will direct this Group. Apprentice Builders in this Class will soon be taking an Initiation of advancement and will then be given their Pronaos Aprons. It is a privilege to be entitled to wear this Apron and is a symbol of the wearer's perserverance, dedication, study and progress. It has other significances which we cannot list here.

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VIEWS AND PREVIEWS CONTINUED

ANOTHER FIRST!!! Los Angeles Pronaos #3 will meet for the first time Wednesday, Oct. 4th at 8:00 P.M. All E.C.T.A. members who are in the Course of SEVEN STEPS, INTRODUCTION TO TAROT, or up to and including, LESSON # 20 of TAROT FUNDAMENTALS are eligible for membership in this Beginners Group. If you are planning to attend this very important first meeting, please do come early. This is an organizational meeting and your Pronaos Officers will be appointed at this time. Apprentice Builder, Henry Hennes will direct this Class.

Members now attending the Advanced Pronaos Class cannot transfer to the Beginners Group without special permission from the Executive Counselor. This is to avoid confusion and misunderstanding. If you feel you need further information regarding this point, call the Executive Counselor at C15-7141 between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., or drop her line.

The Rev. Ann Davies will resume her interesting and enlightening weekly Public Lectures on Thursday, Oct. 5, at 8:00 P.M., at Temple Headquarters. A wonderful new series is being introduced this Fall entitled: INVOKING THE HIDDEN FORCES OF THE TREE OF LIFE. This Lecture-series will extend through the Winter and on through Spring. The Rev. Davies will reveal how the actual methods used by the Hierarchy to contact and guide human evolution effects us. We invite you to share this unusual feast with us. Come and bring your friends.

Apprentice Builder, George M. Williams was received into our Temple of Tarot and Holy Qabalah through the sacred rite of Baptism, Aug. 4th. Conducting the Ceremony was Rev. Elinor M. Person, assisted by Apprentice Builder, Mary I. Alpaugh. The happy event was witnessed by our Grand Cancellaria, Mrs. Paul Foster Case.

This ancient Qabalistic ritual acts upon our finer vehicles as a quickening agent, enabling them to receive an added influx of the Greater Light. It is a consecration of all that we are to the service of the GREAT WORK. It is a divine act producing definite results which effect our whole future and transmutation. It puts us into closer contact with our Holy Guardian Angel and invokes the power of the Archangels. The Benediction of Baptism brings new forces into activity which aid and bless the recipient.

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Will you not share the books you no longer read with those who cannot afford to purchase them? There is a lot of room in our Library and if you send them to us, you will make many a hungry heart and mind most happy. Why not send them on a "good mission" today?

METAPHYSICAL GRASSHOPPERS

by Rene' Person
Temple Administrator

In Metaphysics, Occultism, Mysticism, etc., as in religion, there is much spurious spirituality through which a way must be forced before the true can be found. There are innumerable organizations of mental acrobats, spiritual contortionists and occult gymnastics which lure the Seeker hither and yon. They promise "Heaven on Earth," "Cosmic Illumination," "freedom from Karmic debts, "Adeptship," etc., to mention but a few of their decoys. There are a few individuals who have trained their mental as well as bodily muscels until they are extraordinarily efficient. They have developed powers of concentration until they have almost complete control over their mental processes. This is the psuedo-adeptship they display for the gullible, the undiscriminating aspirant, the "Mystic Grasshoppers" who dance to beguiling tunes that teach nothing.

Psychic tricks are interesting enough in their way and psychic phenomena is studied by scientific people interested in such things. But, they are not the real thing! They are not the fountain from which true spirituality gushes forth!

Unfortunately, many Seekers think that by joining many Orders, Metaphysical Schools and Occult organizations, they are sure to learn all there is to know. All they actually manage to do is to scatter much energy, confuse the subconscious mind and hold themselves back from the progress they could make, if they would devote themselves completely to one thing at a time.

Not long ago, one of our members remarked rather forlornly: "If only I had not wasted so much time! Why, once I belonged to seven metaphysical Orders at the same time!" This was not said boastfully, but rather ruefully. Several of our members have made similar remarks, and it is true B. O. T. A. never insists that its members are not to belong to any other metaphysical, occult, spiritual, etc., organizations. Nor, do we discriminate against color or creed. We do not believe, we know that when the Seeker is ready . . . he finds Truth. We do not pretend to have a franchise on Truth. Truth is universal, it is ever there, waiting for each of us.

What ever Path you choose . . . follow it diligently . . . examine it carefully . . . test it constantly. If you find you have outgrown it . . . advance to another Path but, not before you are certain the old Path has nothing more to offer you. Remember, being a Metaphysical Grasshopper leads to lean winters and scanty harvests.

It is good to bear in mind that any teaching which is too easy, is no teaching. It is mere soothing syrup for unweaned babies. Children in school are taught that which they do not know. Their minds are kept agile and alert because they are reaching, ever reaching, for more knowledge. They are little Magicians learning to direct "all the Power that ever was or will be!"

Every Aspirant meets, over and over agin, the trying tests of doubt and the lure . . . "its greener on the other side of the fence." When in doubt, hold fast! Faith, like all good things, must be nourished to develop . . . and, Jesus too, was tempted. No finer example can we hold in our hearts than His words . . . "get thee behind me Satan!" Be strong, have faith, perservere, and attainment is yours! He who travels every road, explores none and arrives nowhere.

DO NOT BECOME A METAPHYSICAL GRASSHOPPER!

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"Go to the ant thou sluggard, learn to live, and by her busy ways, reform thine own. (Christopeher Smart)

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THE HOLY SUPPER

The Holy Supper is kept, indeed,
Whenever we share another's need.
Not what we give give, but what we share,
The gift without the giver is bare.
He who giveth Himself with his gift, feedeth three,
Himself, his needy neighbor, and ME.

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YOUR CREATIVE POWER

by The Rev. Ann Davies
Probationer General

It is said: "No one knows what is possible to the mind of man." This is an absolute Truth for the mind of man may be likened unto a segment of the Mind of God. God is Infinite . . . the mind of man . . . and its potential powers, are therefore, infinite!

We are all aware of many seeming miracles which have occurred in our own age: miracles performed by "mind-power" or the CREATIVE POWER. Today, we are inclined to sneer at the word "miracle." Eyebrows shoot up, and something like the thought, "He is still in the dark ages!" crosses one's mind.

But, are we still in the dark ages? Let us consider some of our more modern miracle-makers: Steinmetz, the great electrical giant, whose mind overcame the handicap of a badly crippled body. Helen Keller, who despite the seemingly hopeless odds of being deaf, dumb and blind, developed marvelous powers of expression. Albert Schweitzer, who has made great strides in Africa against ignorance, disease, fear and superstition, who at the age of thirty gave up a brilliant musical career to dedicate his life to mankind. Tom Dooley gave the last precious hours of his life to the frightened, ill and backward people of Viet-Nam as a medical missionary, while suffering and enduring the unspeakable agonies of cancer. These are but a few, very very few, of those in our own time and age, who have certainly manifested that the age of miracles is not past.

How did these valiant souls accomplish the seemingly impossible? In exactly the way Tarot studies teach us . . . through the subconscious mind . . . by picture and symbol. Neither fear nor failure were ever permitted to etch their gloomy sketches in the minds of these souls. Often, members tell us: "But, I can't get my subconscious to work for me no matter how hard I try!" Actually, it is working for us all the time. It never sleeps! If it did every organ in our body would cease to work and we would die! We must learn to be patient with ourselves, to willing to make the effort necessary for the achievement of that which we desire. The Subconscious possesses the CREATIVE POWER which can be manifested through conscious control.

Too often we dwell upon our failures, fears and sorrows, thus feeding the subconscious the same mistakes, over and over again. We must learn control and this is only accomplished through practice. When you find yourself dwelling upon that which is unpleasant, turn your thoughts to Tarot 0, The Fool. Dwell on his gay, brave attitude. Meditate upon all that he symbolizes. It will take constant practice, but soon you will find sad, unhappy, negative thoughts, recurring less and less frequently. Before you know it, your Subconscious will manifest more and more of YOUR CREATIVE POWER!

MORE ON PSYCHIC RESEARCH

by Felix J. Frazer
Grand Prelocutor

Having completed a three months camping vacation . . . the first in 10 years . . . during which I covered some 15,000 miles through 30 States and 4 Canadian Provinces including the Yukon, I returned to my desk at B. O. T. A. and discovered that our organization had gotten along very well without me. This is disconcerting to the egotist but comforting to the philosopher. The indispensible man or woman has yet to be born. It is only our false and egocentric emothions which tell us otherwise The Lord of Life, of whom we are a minute reflection, never runs out of instruments, human or other, with which to carry on His work.

For the past year, as you have read in previous News Letters, I have been writing a review of scientific psychic research with a correlation to metaphysical thought and mystic revelation. Coincident with this work, I have been corresponding with psychic researchers and their Societies all over the world with the result that my office book shelf became piled high with books and other publications and my files became bulged with letters. All of this material plus much more from my own back files I took with me. The long evenings, often before a camp fire in the deep woods, or at a beautiful lake side, or in the midst of a wide prairie or beside a rushing stream . . . hours so spent gave me ample opportunity not only to read and re-read the material I had brought with me, but also to reflect and deeply meditate upon the wonders of God's universe and the mystery which is Man.

I also learned how better to respect and love t he many able and dedicated men and women, many of whom are now on the other side of the Great Divide, who devoted so much of their lives and fortunes in the scientific investigation of Man's destiny . . . where we came from, why we are here, and where we are all going. Nor seemingly has death stopped them in this altruistic work, nor has it dimmed their loving urge to come back and tell us what they now know.

Deeply imbeded in a highly complex cross correspondence studied by the English Society for Psychical Research, Frederick Myers, deceased in 1901 and Past President of that Society, writes in a script through the hand of automist Mrs. Holland received in 1904:

> "If it were possible for the soul to die back into earth life again, I should die from sheer yearning to reach you and tell you that all that we imagined is not half wonderful enough for the truth. Oh, I am feeble with eagerness. How can I best be identified?"

So much work has been done in psychic research and so few people have delved deeply enough to discover the work and findings of men like Myers! Ghost, poltergeist and psychic mystery stories and books we have galore. But what do most of us know of the lengthy and profound researches carried on year after year by such people as Geley, Crawford, Schrenk-Notzing, and many more?

Imagine yourself listening in 1923 to the Presidential address before the English Society given after forty years of psychic research by a great scientist, the famed astronomer Flamarrion:

"There are unknown faculties in man belonging to the spirit. There is such a thing as the double. Thought can leave an image behind. Psychical currents traverse the atmosphere and we live in the midst of an invisible world. The faculties of the soul survive the disaggregation of the corporal organism. There are

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haunted houses. Exceptionally and rarely the dead do manifest and there can be no doubt that such manifestations occur. Telepathy exists just as much between the dead and the living as between the living."

These men and women do not ask us to accept these comforting assurances on the basis of mystic revelation alone. Rather do they tell us that the most exhaustive and careful laboratory experiments and observations sustain them . . . as analagously careful and competent scientific work as any performed today by, say, our rocket scientists and engineers.

Do, therefore, join me in giving all such able and devoted people your deep attention, total support and loving admiration. From such in all fields of human endeavor does progress come.

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HEALING

by Harriet B. Case
Grand Cancellaria

Most of us would like to be able to heal not only ourselves, but others by means of prayer or other techniques, for there are many methods of metaphysical healing. There are two or three points that we should bear in mind before we attempt any healing work.

First, remember that on the inner planes of consciousness (the subconscious and superconscious) there is no separation. We can contact another through thought and feeling whether they are in the next room or 5,000 miles away, for time and space as we know these are no barrier.

Second, never forget that we are a part of the living universe and are receiving vibrational impacts from the outermost stars as well as the planets of our own Solar System. We are patterns of Light in motion. God created and animates the entire universe and we, as part of His creation are in vibratory touch with Him and all His creation both visible and invisible for truly, as St. Paul said: "In Him we live and move and have our being."

Thirdly, what we are seeking, when we attempt to heal is to restore wholeness and harmony to the various bodies which go to make up our manifesting vehicle, i.e the physical, etheric, emotional and mental bodies. The three subtler bodies interpenetrating the physical. This is why it is so important to correct wrong emotional and mental attitudes or any state of tension which may exist within the soul if one desires a perfect healing. Because if these inner tensions and negative emotional energies are not transmuted, a permanent cure will not be effected. For if the basic cause of the illness or disease is frustrated or pushed down deep in the subconscious, it will later break out in some other place and in a much worse manner. We need to look into our hearts and clear out the weeds of negative feeling such as: resentment, bitterness, hatred, condemnation of self or others, jealousy, frustration, self-pity, etc., all of which are the seeds of illness. However, we must understand that not every person who is ill is necessarily a negative or undeveloped person. There are some individuals who are highly sensitized, who handle great rushing rivers of emotional force and these are subject to intense impa impact from others and often find it difficult to keep the fine balance and control necessary for perfect health. On the other hand there are persons who are only capable of handling a tiny stream of mental-emotional force, and these people you will note are apt to have pretty strong healthy bodies.

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The first thing we must do when we start our healing by prayer, is to align ourselves with the Higher Self, the ONE SELF and get in tune with the Universal vibration of the Christ healing power. We must rely utterly on the support of the ONE REALITY, turning away from the limitations of the outer senses and visualizing the bodies of those we seek to heal in their true spiritual perfection radiant with life, and glowing health in every cell. Mentally and with deep feeling we contact those we wish to heal or help, seeing them in the Light of Truth and perfection. Drawing the healing Life-force from the universal Source we project it. This thought image we are projecting must be clear and definite and invested with feeling, love and compassion. After holding the image a moment or two put it in the hands of the Lord of Life knowing that He will do what is necessary.

There exists all around us, throughout the whole universe the healing Life-power. It is omnipresent and when the healer takes some chosen form of words and cleaves a passage direct from his mind and heart to the sufferer, investing his words with warmth and sympathy, and realizes that he can thus tap the source of healing life, the process is completed, provided the healer has a deep trust and confidence in the healing power of the Lord of Life and Love, as well as having sufficient trust in himself to act as a channel for the healing power of the Christos.

Keep in mind that we must not attempt healing for others unless they specifically ask us to help them. The exception to this would be if the healing is for a small child, or someone very close to you who is temporarily incapable of asking for themselves.

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RECOMMENDED READING

We recommend the following books by Dion Fortune:

PSYCHIC SELF-DEFENSE
THE SEA PRIESTESS
MOON MAGIC
SANE OCCULTISM

THE IMPRISONED SPLENDOR by Raynor C. Johnson
MANY WONDERFUL THINGS by Robert W. Huffman & Irene Specht

You will also find the following books by Talbot Mundy excellent reading:

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OLD UGLY FACE
I SAY SUNRISE
THERE WAS A DOOR
THE MYSTERY OF KHUFU'S TOMB

The above mentioned books are suggested for your enjoyment and or the knowledge contained therein. We do not claim to concur with all the theories expressed nor do we have these books for sale.

MAN'S DIVINE RIGHT

by Elinor Person
Executive Counselor

"Whatever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4.

God begets us as His children with the knowledge of our divine origin deeply implanted in our minds. Thus the belief that we are His children is a gift of God and an act of grace. The disciple is not greater than his Lord, and Jesus Himself declared: "I do nothing of myself; but as my Father taught me, I speak these things." This was His testimony that all His knowledge and all His power were an influx from a source above the level of His personal consciousness.

From the beginning of the Ministry of Jesus to its end, He insisted that man's misery or happiness, bondage or liberation, are fruits of man's mental states. "Change your minds" was the key-note of His message. Thought comes first, action is its consequence. Hate is the seed of murder. Fear is the seed of failure, as is doubt. Expectant faith will move mountains. Our deeds embody our states of consciousness. Throughout His Ministry Jesus was careful to show by word and act that man's divine heritage, man's divine right, is to exercise dominion over all conditions of his environment.

Even traditional theology, with all its errors, says Jesus came to restore man's lost birthright of dominion over all the works of God. Even traditional Christianity says God created man to be immortal and made him to be an image of the Divine Eternity. Not the truths preserved by traditional theology, but the errors it includes are responsible for the charges made against religion, that religion is an opiate, a mental narcotic which makes addicts forget the miseries and neglect the opportunities of this life in baseless dreams of the world to come.

This criticism does not apply to our Cabalistic teaching. In Temples of old the Cabalistic doctrines were known as "THE WAY," and means the way to live, here and now. It does not seek to get out of the world. It does not repudiate the world. Jesus was educated by Cabalists and is the supreme example of the perfect human personality. There is no other record of subjection of the world that can surpass it. Our Cabalistic principles rightly emphasizes the importance of the Christos, as a real Presence in the hearts of all aspirants, and a real Power in their lives.

Jesus demonstrated how to regain our birthright. He promised that those who followed His way should do what He did and greater things. He taught that the first and indispensable factor in human liberation is a change of mind, a renovation of consciousness. Certainly He gave us also a perfect standard of conduct. Yet, what He did was the inevitable consequence of His mental attitude of unfailing receptivity to the influx of knowledge and power from God. His message is so simple a little child may grasp it. Briefly, it is this: "I am a Son of God, and I know it. All my power is the direct expression of that knowledge. You are children of God, but your ignorance of that truth keeps you from exercising your birthright. You adhere to a lie which separates you from God and makes you believe tha that knowledge of good and evil is desirable. That lie is the father of all lies, and

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while you believe it you act it out. Change your minds and know as I know. Then you shall be as I am, and do as I do."

"Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world." Here is no abject submission. Here is no defeatist surrender to the world's evils and miseries. The evils of the world are the result of man's false interpretation of the world.

To overcome the world by right knowledge of our divine heredity, by right administration of God's own Laws; to overcome the weakness of the flesh by a renewal of mind which reacts on our bodies to effect an actual metamorphosis, changing them into perfected images of the divine paternity, is the DIVINE RIGHT OF MAN as taught by Kabalists of old and carried on by Kabalists of today!

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"The proof of a system, the guarantee of its truth lies not in its beginning, but in its end; not in its foundation-stone, but in its KEY-STONE." (Rothe)

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We sincerely regret that for the time being it is necessary to suspend articles from THE PAUL CASE NOTEBOOK and also our OCCULT DICTIONARY. We hope to continue both these in the very near future.

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Have you thought of submitting an article for our ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES?

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We thank our wonderful members and friends who have so kindly donated books for our library. We still have a lot of room on our shelves so keep them coming.

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We are saving BLUE CHIP STAMPS toward an organ for our Temple. Do help us by sending in a few books. Our Choir is working very hard but the little organ we have is most inadequate.

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We welcome back Edith Dow into our midst. Her smiling face and kind and thoughtful ways were sorely missed. We hope you will be with us for a long time to come, Edith.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR OUR LOCAL MEMBERS!

AWAKEN YOUR SUPERSENSORY POWERS THROUGH TAROT

by The Rev. Ann Davies

Man's first theories of what goes on in his world largely involved the supernatural, but later, as the effort to find the most rationally acceptable causes came into practice, science surpassed one area after another and supernaturalism had to give way before it. Since progress was naturally easier and therefore greater in the more objective areas, like those dealing with matter and motion, knowledge accumulated most rapidly in the physical sciences. Since physical phenomena came under control first, the pattern was thus set for the intellectual habits of science as a whole.

To most students of science, natural law came to mean physical law. Physicalistic modes of thought and explanation dominated the studies of nature everywhere, even in psychology, which as the scientific study of human nature and behavior. Most schools of psychology became and remain today more or less, frankly physicalistic. The only alternative they knew, or know even yet, was the supernaturalism from which they had delivered their science. Supernaturalism had thus become the very antithesis of science, and anything that challenged physical explanation smacked of the supernormal.

Thus our supersensory centers gradually became dormant through lack of use much as a muscle will atrophy for the same reason. However, this was necessary in order for man to develop his mental faculties.

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PRONAOS NEWS NOTES

PRONAOS # ONE opens the new year with a new Artisan. On Dec. 19, 1961 Elinor Person, Executive Counselor, turned over her robe and implement of Office to lovely Catherine E. Morton. We welcome Catherine and congratulate her upon her appointment. We know that she will do a wonderful job and that all our Pronaons, who know and love her, will benefit from her knowledge and ability. Good-luck Catherine!

We regret the loss of Henry Haynes as Artisan of Pronaos # THREE. He has had a change of working hours which prevent him from carrying on his official duties. We miss you Henry and hope you will be back with us soon! Our Pronaons in Pronaos # 3 have not as yet, (at this writing) been appointed a new Artisan but this will be done very shortly. For the time being Elinor Person is carrying on here.

All E.C.T.F. members are eligible to become Pronaons. Those wishing to attend our Los Angeles Pronaos (ONE or THREE) may do so by contacting the Pronaos Secretary, Mary Alpaugh by phone or letter. 5105 North Figueroa Los Angeles 42, Calif. Phone: Clinton 5-7141

Our New York members, and those in the surrounding area can contact Mayo Fernandez, 440 East 81st Street, New York 28, New York by mail.

Members in our San Francisco area should contact:
Mr. Charles g. Stribling, 23441 Sunset Drive, Los Gatos, Calif. by mail.
or our Secretary of the San Francisco Pronaos: Rose H. Strongin, 13725 Pacheco, San Francisco 16, Calif.

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM ELINOR PERSON.

Dear Fellow Pronaons and Officers of Pronaos # ONE:

Thank you for the wonderful privilege of having been permitted to serve you. If I have helped you in any way, I assure you that I have gained as much if not more. I thank you for your support, loyalty and devotion. It is a treasure I shall have forever. Each of you hold a special place in my heart.

May the coming Holiday Season be joyous for you and your loved ones, and may the New Year be most blessed and bring you ever nearer to the goal of your heart.

Fraternally yours in L.V.X.

Elinor Person. Executive Counselor

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"Act well at the moment, and you have performed a good action for all eternity." (Lavater)



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MEDITATION IN LOVE

I love him
Who walks in Light,
Who is not afraid to dream
And, dreaming, is not content to merely dream.

I love him
Who is stronger than circumstance,
Who is not afraid to die
Nor afraid to live completely.

I love him
Who counts not his generosities,
Who forever seeks good will,
Who is thankful for the right
And beauty of work.

I love him
Who sees all things with open eyes,
Who allows not his soul to sleep,
Who keeps his heart forever human.

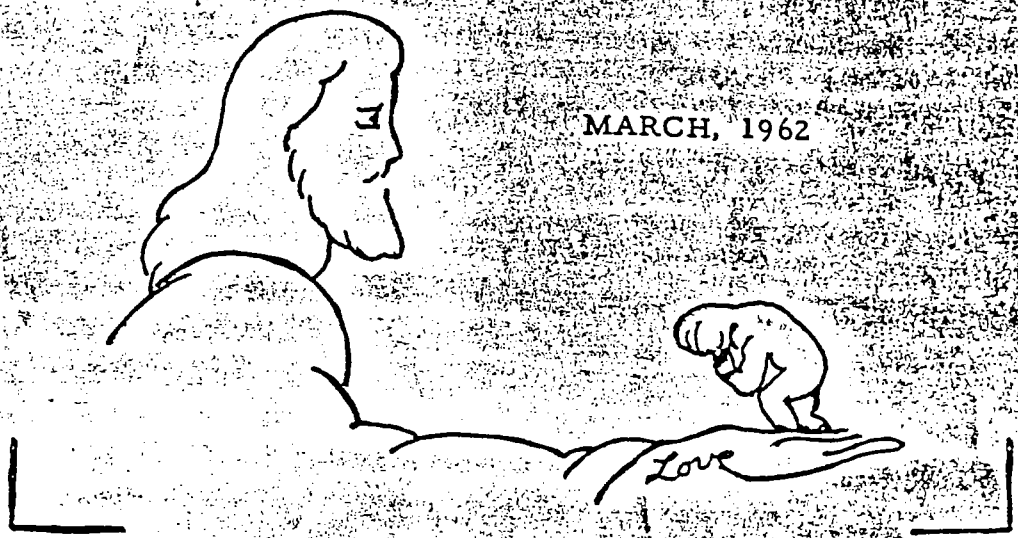
I love him who places right
above might . . . Understandingly.

(by Lorice Fiana)

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WHEN I CONSIDER THE UNIVERSE

Remote and cold and brilliant
It gleams in midnight sky,
But I know the same God made it,
That tells me "I am I."

A hundred million years, perhaps
Have seen it whirl in space,
Yet the Architect who planned it
Wove the fragile "Queen Anne's Lace."

A Giant in the universe
Whose limits none can trace;
Yet He who worked in grandeur,
Made the smile on Baby's face.

An orbit far beyond our ken,
Surpassing time and space;
But the Builder of it fashioned
The red rose in my vase.

As David sang beneath the stars
Of God's immensity,
I say with him, "Yea, what is man?"
. . . And know humility.

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DEVELOPING SUPERSENSORY POWERS THROUGH TAROT

by The Rev. Ann Davies

Students of occultism usually are quite familiar with the individual who assumes the skeptical attitude toward occult matters, which attitude he expresses in the remark that he "believes only in what his senses perceive". He seems to think this disposes of the matter, the implication being that the occultist is a credulous "easy" person who believes in the existence of things contrary to the evidence of the senses.

Such persons accept as beyond doubt anything that their senses report to them. They fail to perceive that their senses, at the best, are very imperfect instruments, and that the mind is constantly employed in correcting the mistaken reports of the five senses. Few people realize that the eye perceives things upside-down, and that the mind only gradually acquires the trick of adjusting the impression.

Back of our five senses there is a peculiar arrangement of the nervous system, or brain centers, which take up the messages received through the organs; and back of this, again, is the ego, or soul, which at the last, is the real KNOWER.

Through the TAROT techniques which the Rev. Ann Davies gives in her Thursday evening and Monday afternoon lectures, you can reach a scientific understanding that there really is nothing at all weird about much of the great body of wonderful experiences of man in all times, which the "practical" man sneeringly dismisses as "queer" and "contrary to sense". You will learn how to develop your SUPERSENSORY POWERS and how to use them creatively here and now!

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AN IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION FROM THE GRAND CHAPTER

BUILDERS OF THE ADYTUM, functioning from its headquarters, the TEMPLE OF TAROT AND HOLY QABALAH, is the Aquarian Age repository and steward for the special system of mystical and occult teachings which has its roots in the Secret Wisdom of Israel ....the Qabalah. Adytum stems from the Greek word meaning Holy of Holies, the Sanctum Sanctorum, The Holy Temple Within, etc. Jesus was a Carpenter, a Builder. Hence the name BUILDERS OF THE ADYTUM, whose short form is abbreviated B.O.T.A.



Dr. Paul F. Case
Founder

The methods and techniques of these Mystery Teachings are timeless. However, each era has required their reorganization to meet the changes of time and language which walk hand in hand with evolution. Thus, to meet the needs of changing times, the Initiates of the Mysteries, under direction of the Higher Adepts, have forged successive links in an unbroken chain through the centuries. Each link has been a new incarnation of the outer vehicle for the Inner School.

Recent Reincarnational History

The previous incarnation of the Qabalistic Way of Return, also known as the Western Tradition, was the ORDER OF THE GOLDEN DAWN. Some forty years ago, Dr. Paul Foster Case was Praemonstrator General (Supreme Head) of the GOLDEN DAWN for the United States and Canada. This was a period of preparation for a large portion of the Greater and Lesser Mysteries of the Tarot, as well as some aspects of the use of Color and Sound, etc., to be made more exoterically available to aspirants. For this purpose, Dr. Case directly and personally received extended instruction and material from the Master of Wisdom who is the Secret Chief of the Inner School. This Adept is active in guiding the Aquarian Age evolution of humanity and is also in charge of the Western Tradition Mystery Teachings.



Rev. Ann Davies
Prolocutor
General

Under specific instruction from Him, Dr. Case formed B.O.T.A. as a non-profit religious organization and as a reincarnation of the GOLDEN DAWN, which had served its purpose for the era just passed. Thus for

some forty years now, B.O.T.A. has been disseminating to prepared aspirants an extended and revised portion of the age-old and ageless techniques which lead, as a final goal, to Illumination and Liberation.

Qualification for Stewardship of the Mysteries

The governing body of BUILDERS OF THE ADYTUM is patterned exactly in accordance with the framework of the inner school, as has been true of its predecessors. This pattern is based on the Qabalistic Tree of Life. The governing body of B.O.T.A. is called the GRAND CHAPTER and consists of four obligated initiates who serve exoterically as the Board of Directors. Esoterically, they are known as the Grand Chiefs. The Grand Chiefs each embody a tested and tried level of spiritual development, set by the Inner School, which relates specifically to character and integrity, rather than occult powers, though they usually include these also.

The most serious obligation that a Grand Chief undertakes is that of serving in purity and unselfishness, without thought of using this high office for personal monetary gain or hidden ambitions for power and prestige. Indeed, this is far more than an assumed obligation. It must be an attribute and quality of their inner natures, the violation of which would be unthinkable to them. Each Grand Chief is automatically a channel for potent spiritual energies. Purity of motive is therefore a primary requisite for this responsible position. Each and every member of the Grand Chapter has passed successfully through very stringent tests, detailed and required by the Inner School, as a lesser officer before finally attaining to this position of power and trust. The Inner School has definite safeguards, and even as Jesus whipped the money changers from the temple, those who fail to pass these tests are automatically eliminated from a true Temple of God, such as B.O.T.A.

The Tests of Material Sacrifice for Spiritual Leadership

The Prolocutor General (Supreme Head) of B.O.T.A. is exoterically known as President and serves as a link between the Secret Chiefs of the Inner School (composed of Masters of Wisdom) and the rest of the Grades of the Order of BUILDERS OF THE ADYTUM. The Prolocutor General, being an emissary for the Hierarchy, must go through a life-time of outer and inner tests, disciplines, and special spiritual initiations before assuming the responsibilities of stewardship.

One of the many tests every Grand Chief must pass is that of non-attachment to material possessions, particularly money. He must be incapable of sacrificing the integrity of spiritual teaching for either the financial gain of the Order or for himself. Particularly, he must be totally devoid of power and prestige drives. For example, Dr. Case followed his predecessors in the true spiritual tradition. He chose to give up a very lucrative position as an orchestral director in order to devote his full time to the service of humanity. But what he gave up in material possessions he gained in spiritual riches. When there was a choice between a personal luxury or the extension of the teachings to suffering humanity, he chose the latter and became known as one of the world's greatest

authorities on the Hermetic Wisdom.

When Master R (our Secret Chief) gave face to face instruction to Dr. Case some forty years ago, he told him that the Inner School does not concern itself with the financial requirements of its Outer Vehicles. It feels, and rightfully so, that it is up to the aspirants who are being helped along the Path of Return to take care of the material needs of the Great Work, in accordance with their means.

Who Are the Grand Chiefs?

The Rev. Ann Davies worked side by side with Dr. Case for some eleven years, being gradually trained to take over the stewardship of B.O.T.A. as Prolocutor General. She, too, followed her predecessors in the true spiritual tradition by refusing a position paying $12,000 a year in the commercial world in order to dedicate her full time and efforts to the Great Work. Content with the minimum requirements of food, clothing, and shelter, she withdrew all her personal savings from the bank to insure the supplies and materials necessary to keep the lessons flowing to the aspirants. She has driven a 1952 Ford Anglia for ten years and recently refused the gift of a new car, requesting that this money be donated towards reducing the mortgage on the Temple building. She receives no personal donations for consultation, asking that the contributions for this service go directly to support the work of B.O.T.A.

Mrs. Paul Foster Case, widow of the late Dr. Case, devotes her full time to the needs of the Order, as Grand Cancellaria. She lives on a modest income inherited from her family. This income she has drastically reduced in order to donate substantial material help along with her personal services to B.O.T.A.

Mr. Felix J. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor, has a small private income. He left a remunerative position to give his full time and devote his considerable talents to the work and welfare of our Order.

Mr. Jason Lotterhand is Grand Imperator. Though he has to work in the commercial world to support his family, he has still donated from his small income to help in the Great Work.

Reaffirmation of Spiritual Vow

Such is the Grand Chapter of B.O.T.A. None has ever been willing to dip into the resources of the Order for more than the barest of actual expenses. Each has made real sacrifices. Each has been tested, tried, and not found wanting before being privileged to enter into his destiny of serving you and the Divine Hierarchy whose Supreme Chief is Lord of the Universe, the Creator of us all.

We, the Grand Chiefs of BUILDERS OF THE ADYTUM, fully cognizant of the responsibilities placed in our hands as custodians for that priceless treasure, the ageless and age-old Qabalistic Way of Return, reaffirm our oath of dedication. We will continue to disseminate the Teachings of the Western

AN IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION FROM THE GRAND CHAPTER (cont.)

Tradition, keeping these teachings pure and undefiled. We will continue to do our utmost to prepare aspirants for even Higher Initiations in the exoteric and esoteric Grades of the Order. Our entire lives have been dedicated to this end.

Of course, we need funds. There is the mortgage to clear. We need funds also to hire personnel for the transcription of the class tapes of the Rev. Ann Davies, so that the further teachings from the Inner School may be made available to you, the aspirants. This requires expert secretaries, editors, proof readers, etc., as well as extra income to cover the considerable costs of printing.

We know that as we continue to remain true to our solemnly taken vows, those who have a little extra of this world's goods will want to give their share in distributing the spiritual riches, which is, in the final analysis, the responsibility of us all.

In accordance with the traditional blessing which comes from Those Who have gone before us, we end this special communication to you with the following:

HE IS ONE AND ONE ALONE. REST UNDER THE SHADOW OF HIS WINGS. AND MAY LIGHT BE EXTENDED UPON YOU.

In L.V.X. (Light)

The Grand Chapter

SALUTATION TO THE DAWN

Listen to the exhortation of the Dawn!
Look to this Day! - For it is Life!
The Very Life of Life!
In its brief course lie all the verities, and realities of your existence,
The bliss of growth, the Glory of action,
The Splendor of Beauty,
For yesterday is but a dream
And tomorrow is only a vision.
But today well lived, makes every yesterday
A dream of happiness,
And every tomorrow
A vision of hope.
Look well therefore to this Day!
Such is the Salutation of the Dawn.

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IN HIM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING

By The Rev. Ann Davies
Prolocutor General



One of the basic meanings of Qabalah is "to receive". A Qabalist is said, therefore, to be one who knows how to be consciously receptive to the Ten Divine Emanations, also called The Tree of Life.

Within the Divine Emanations, we live and move and have our being. Our livingness is our participation in the Life of the Divine. Our motion is our share in the evolving expanding growth of the Tree of Life. Our sense of being is our innate unity with the "I Am", the Lord of the Universe.

The first Divine Emanation is said to take place because the Absolute concentrates on a center within Its Immeasurable Being for purposes of Self-Manifestation. This first Divine Emanation is called the ONE ..... THE INDIVISIBLE. To It is attributed "the beginning of the whirlings". Modern science has only recently discovered what Initiates of Qabalah have known since before recorded history. For we look out into the farthest reaches of space and we find whirling nebulae which are forming suns, etc. We concentrate down to the most minute atoms and find electrons whirling around a nucleus.

All manifestation is in whirling motion. All so-called physical matter is held in this motion and form because the ONE is concentrating (meditating) on a Center of Its own Mental Substance.

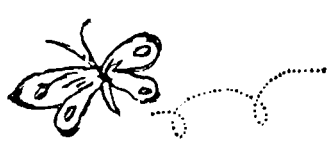
Out of Itself, yet taking place within Itself, is the Life of the Universe. Out of Itself, yet fashioned from the Substance of the Most High, is the birth of all things and creatures. A Divinely meditated Center within the Consciousness of the "I Am" (made in the image and likeness of God), we are the sons and daughters of the Cosmic Mind.

As a ray of the sun is continuous with its source, so are you a Divine Emanation, child of the Lord of the Universe in eternal union with the Source of your beingness. Your sense of "I Am-ness" is your immortal Individuality as a personalized center of God's Self-Contemplation.

He is both the ONE and the MANY at the same time. Would you see God? Look upon a star... the sun... the moon... a tree... a flower... a bee... a living creature... the glowing, radiating, living garments of Adonai. Would you hear God? Listen to the whisper of the wind... the brooklets tinkling note ... the melody of the bird... the crooning song of the mother... the murmur of love. Would you touch God? Inhale His fragrance. Absorb the velvet of the petal. Feel the miraculous motion of a palpitating heart. Caress the soul of your beloved.

All things are a particularized aspect of Him. All Creation abides within the wondrous Life of the Creator. Forms change, but the Spirit that ensouls the form is co-eternal with the Lord of the Universe.

In Him we live and move and have our being.



REINCARNATION

By Felix J. Frazer
Grand Prolocutor

Reincarnation in one form or another, as most of you know, is a doctrine in many religious orthodoxies and a belief held by many people and sectarian groups. B.O.T.A. includes the living of previous lives as an essential fact in metaphysical teaching.

Since reincarnation is not a part of Christian theology, people with open minds may wonder why this doctrine escaped inclusion in Christian orthodoxy. Actually, there are many allusions to reincarnation in the Scriptures, and scholars have shown that ambiguous, veiled and highly selective translations from the Greek are responsible for the indirectness of the Scriptures on the subject. The Bible, as we now have it, is a compilation of ancient manuscripts selected at the Nicea Council back in the fourth century. This Council was called and guided by Constantin. Many scholars maintain that he was in control of its selections. What we are not usually told is that these selections, known today as the Word of God, were the subject of the bitterest controversy by dissenting factions of the Council. Indeed, these controversies raged for a century or more after the disbanding of the Nicea Council, and even to this day no universal acceptance throughout the Christian community has been reached.

Josephus, the Jewish historian, states unequivocally that the Jews of his day believed in reincarnation, which was a tenet of many sects in original Christianity and on forward down to medieval times.

In researching my forthcoming book on psychic research and its correlation with mysticism, I corresponded far and wide to get all the empirical data on reincarnation available. I was amazed to find literally scores of competently investigated and carefully recorded cases of reincarnation memories. I learned that young children often have these verifiable memories which, however, usually fade out as they grow older.

Two such cases particularly impressed me, although it is hard to choose from the many cases before me. Shanti Devi was an Indian girl, now living in New Delhi. Katziguro was a Japanese boy. As children, both remembered their former lives with a wealth of detail, including family names, description of their former homes, the instantaneous recognition of living relatives of a former life, descriptions of village landmarks no longer in existance, hiding places of money, etc., etc. These two cases were thoroughly investigated, not only by the local authorities, but by scientific investigators, who were actually conducted by the blindfolded children to their former residences in towns they had never been in, or even heard of, in their current lives.

A close friend, the late Dr. Blanche Baker of San Francisco, has tape recordings made by two men patients unknown to each other. These tapes, taken under partial dissociation in regressive revery, give detailed accounts of their lives in England in the eleventh century. Names, places, events, etc., were recounted. Neither of these men was well educated and knew nothing of early English history, let alone the specific history of the place where both had presumably lived during the same period. Indeed, it took a Professor of History

and two graduate students several years to dig up the facts, all authenticated, from ancient documents.

Voluminous evidence of this kind is to be found in scientific psychic research records .....unfortunately, where most people do not look. Dr. Ian Stevenson, head of the medical department, University of Virginia, has compiled a number of such cases. In a recent letter, he tells me that he has just returned from an Eastern trip, where he investigated many more such cases. His booklet, EVIDENCE FOR SURVIVAL FROM MEMORIES OF FORMER INCARNATIONS (1961), is available at 35¢ per copy, plus postage, from M. C. Pato, 16 Kingswood Road, Tadworth, Surrey, England. An enclosed dollar bill would doubtless bring you two of them. I cannot imagine a better investment for doubting Thomases!

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Have you received the documentation on the Tzaddi Miracle? We thought that when Tzaddi (Rev. Davies' pet) graduated to the Astral plane in July of 1960 at the ripe age of fifteen and a half years, that interest in this unusual case would stop. So, we failed to reprint when we ran out of copies. But as we have continued to receive requests for the scientific documentation of the Tzaddi Miracle, we have again reprinted this case history (16th printing!). We offer this to you for one reason only; that it may increase your faith in the power of the spiritual over the physical.

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A clergyman wrote to a wealthy and influential businessman requesting a subscription to a worthy charity and soon received a curt refusal which ended, "As far as I can see, this Christian business is just one continuous give, give, give." Replied the clergyman, "I wish to thank you for the best definition of the Christian life that I have yet heard." REV. W. STRIDE

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THE WAY OF RETURN

By Harriet B. Case
Grand Cancellaria



"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No man cometh unto the Father but by Me."

Jesus, when He was on earth, did not say to men: Ask someone to show you how to find God. He said, "Seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you".... "Say not Lo here, and Lo there, for the Kingdom of Heaven is within you."

There is only One God, and although many roads lead to Him, there is but One Gate which man must himself unlatch if he would find the God within. The Gate or Door which all must go through is the Christ. By whatever name He may be called in different lands by different peoples, He is the same giver of Life. The name is not important because it is that given to the form in which the Universal Cosmic Christ chooses to manifest God's all-pervading Love to all men.

There is One God, one Gateway to which we must all find the latch, but many paths lead to it. Only those who have many times passed through re-birth will feel the urge to enter the Path of Return, but for those who do, the joy and rewards are great. Whosoever tries and works to his desired end, experiences no weariness in this journey.

Nothing but his own intense desire and aspiration can lead a man upon this Path. To some the journey may seem like a great sacrifice. But to the one who is ready and prepared, it is no more of a sacrifice than it would be for a child to leave a toy he had outgrown for a better one his Father was holding out to him.

The Path of Return has many bypaths that attract and allure - all good and interesting paths, but in these one must not tarry, for whosoever would be swift upon this journey must keep his eyes fixed upon his goal and never falter. One pointed desire, keen discrimination, and insight are essential.

The Way of Return really means a re-turning of man to God from self and all things hitherto thought so important to the self. One must want more than anything else to realize God, to become consciously aware of the Higher Self, to experience that feeling of unity with all life, to be aware of it in everything that we do. Then are we filled with serenity and beauty, and experience an ever present joy.

Earthly loves and pleasures there may be, pleasant experiences and work that must be attended to, but we must be ever aware of our ultimate goal and let nothing hold us back once we have started our climb towards liberation.

Souls upon the Return Journey receive many tests and temptations; many shadows beset the Path. But these are for their own good, their own safety, to enable them to know surely what it is they really want, to test their fortitude and endurance. However, remember that ever the Guardian Angel is there to Light the Way.

TAROT KEY 0 -- THE FOOL

Have I not known thee 0 my pure free spirit?
Have I not plumbed with thee the ocean depths?
And mounted with thee up beyond the peaks
Beyond the bounds of man's imagining?
Have I not been with thee in pearly dawns?
Far out amongst those worlds as yet unknown?

There we have been and we shall be again
Now that the gates of knowledge opened are.

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From out the south he comes
Clothed in the beauty of the world,
Free, joyous, pure and light as air
Drawing the life-breath of the gods.

Whence comes he and where leads his path?
It leads across the towering peaks
On up and out into star-spangled space
And there, though lost to view of mortal sight,
He joins immortals on celestial heights.



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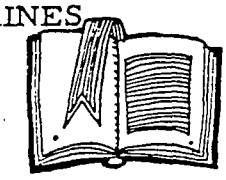
I have always known thee 0 life of my life
Ineffable zephyr, breath of eternity,
Loveliness manifesting in all creation,
0 solitary traveller! ...yet companion of all the world,
Comprising all, yet forever alone
With an aloneness containing all there is,
Eternal youth issuing from the dawn of time
Essence of all the beauty of the world and of all worlds;
May this essence permeate my consciousness
Until my being knows naught else
And thus becomes united with thy infinity.

Above received in meditation by Constance Jonniaux, Companion Builder.

God gave man an upright countenance to survey the heavens, and to look upward to the stars.—Ovid

CONFIRMATIONS BY SCIENCE OF AGE-OLD ESOTERIC DOCTRINES

By Catherine E. Morton
Artisan, Pronaos No. 1



That great Qabalistic occultist Dion Fortune pointed out in one of her books that the doctrines of esoteric science form a sort of builder's scaffold, which is gradually filled in by the bricks and mortar of exoteric physical science. In other words, the mental true idea is made concrete, brought into manifestation, in time. At one time the knowledge of the relationship between the diameter of a circle and its circumference (pi) was arcane; later it was physically proved and the proof made public property. In the past fifty or sixty years, a great number of important occult teachings have been verified and accepted by physical science; in this series I intend to call some of the most important to your attention.

Perhaps the most radically important discovery of the last century was Einstein's pronouncement that matter and energy are but different aspects or manifestations of the same thing ($E=Mc2$). Radically important for physical science, but Qabalistic esoteric doctrine had taught that very thing for thousands of years! As another part of his general hypothesis, Einstein made the proposition that time, too, is a relative concept, which does not exist of itself, but is merely the effect produced by the limiting of the space-matter universe to a finite size, a limiting caused by the very mass of the universe, which bends light rays in upon themselves.

The physical universe is, by this now accepted theory, made up of four constituents: matter, energy, time, and space. These fall into two pairs, in each of which one member limits the other: matter-energy and time-space. And of these two pairs, one, time-space, limits the other, matter-energy. As an example of the limiting of energy in the form of matter, consider a cup of water. The potential energy contained within it would make an annihilating blaze, if simultaneously and completely released, yet it remains stable, the positive and negative charges making up the atoms of oxygen and hydrogen being in perfect balance, the pulse rate of the quanta making up the charges themselves being also balanced. And yet the water is really only quanta of energy. But, limited in ways obedient to the laws of physics and chemistry, it takes the form of matter.

In like fashion, time may be considered only a form taken by the three-dimensional universe of matter in order to achieve stability. Time is not itself the fourth dimension, as it sometimes is said, but rather, in a four-dimensional universe, time is not the limiting factor, and therefore ceases to exist as an appearance, or even a concept. It is for this reason that precognitive visions come in dreams or in waking trances. Our physical bodies are part themselves of the physical universe, and can no more stand out of time than they can tolerate raw energy. In the dream states described by Dunne ("An Experiment with Time"), Will, not Time, is the limiting factor, for it is the astral, not the physical body that experiences, and the astral is not subject to the limitations of the physical universe.

It is for this reason that the mystical experience of the sphere of Yesod on the Qabalistic Path of Return is called the Vision of the Machinery of the Universe. Yesod is the sphere of the astral, and until we attain it, our aware-

ness is focessed in the physical universe, and therefore cannot encompass, even in imagination, its workings.

The meditational methods of Tarot and Qabalah are designed to lift the consciousness from its space-time limitations into a four-dimensional awareness.

PRONAOS NOTES

The Los Angeles Pronaos held its annual installation ceremonies on March 20, 1962. We were most fortunate in that the Vernal Equinox actually coincided with the night of our meeting. The officers of the Pronaos for the coming year are: CATHERINE E. MORTON, Artisan; DOROTHY HOWLEY, Consecrator; JOE WATSON, Purifier; RAYMOND SCHAEFER, Guardian; RALPH GLEN, Keeper of the Northern Chaos; and DOROTHY CLOSSON, Keeper of the Southern Chaos.

Members of Pronaos who had completed the course in Tarot Fundamentals were advanced to the second degree on March 23, 1962, in a most beautiful initiation ceremony conducted by the Prolocutor General and members of the Los Angeles Chapter of B.O.T.A. The initiation entitles Pronaons to wear symbolic aprons.

LOS ANGELES PRONAOS NO. 1 WILL MEET ONLY TWICE A MONTH, COMMENCING IN MAY. MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH.

Pronaos will recess for the summer at the end of June, reconvening on the first Tuesday in October. The course of study for next year will deal with a new aspect of the Holy Qabalah, to be announced in the next issue of ADYTUM NEWS NOTES.

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"What lies ahead is beyond the belief of any man."

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O I could sing such grandeurs and glories
about you!
You have not known what you are, you have
slumbered upon yourself all your life.
The mockeries are not you;
Underneath them and within them I see you
lurk.
Whoever you are, claim your own.

by Walt Whitman



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YOU ARE THE IMAGE OF THE MOST HIGH

By The Rev. Ann Davies
Prolocutor General



"And God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness' . . ."
Genesis 1:26

Mistranslations from the original Aramaic and Hebrew texts of the Bible have given us an erroneous idea regarding Creation. That which has been translated "God" with reference to God as "He" (masculine gender only) has other terminology in the Qabalistic texts from which the mystical teachings of the Bible are derived.

Where the word "God" is used in the first chapter of Genesis, the original texts say "Jehovah Elohim". Jehovah Elohim means God the Father (masculine) plus God the Mother (feminine).



These two aspects of Deity, the Cosmic Father and the Cosmic Mother are in Eternal Union within the ONE. Creation is begotten through this Union. The Name for the Father aspect of Deity is called Jehovah. The Name for the Mother aspect of Deity is called Elohim. That is why the text reads, "Let us make man, etc."

Deity is ONE. But in activity it expresses through the polarities, or masculine and feminine principles of its own BEING. All female vehicles are expressions of the Elohim (Divine Mother). Masculine vehicles express Jehovah (Divine Father). The principle of attraction between male and female is the irresistible creative Fire of Life (Deity) which bestows the attribute of Self-multiplication, or reproduction.

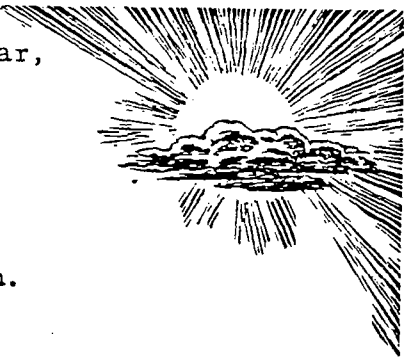
The researches of modern science indicate that the Universe is shaped like an egg. In Qabalah, it has always been referred to as the Cosmic Egg, or Cosmic Womb. Generic humanity, on the whole, is still an embryo within this Cosmic Womb. Stirred into Life by the Father . . . nourished into growth by the Mother. To "be born again" is to truly discover that no matter who our physical parents are, they were instruments for the Divine Parents! For every physical mother is a specialized expression of the Divine Feminine. Every physical father is a particularized aspect of the Cosmic Masculine. The type of parents and environment you have had have been exactly what you required for your further growth and evolution towards attaining conscious union with God. *(Continued on page 2)*

Know who and what you really are! You were begotten in love (the union of Divine Father-Mother). You are made in the image and likeness of Deity (Jehovah-Elohim). As above, so below. Revere the process that gave you birth, and you will not be tempted to misuse it. Whether you are immature or mature . . . whether you are yet ready to claim your inheritance with its consequent dominion or not . . . still are you the eternal immortal child of the Most High. No matter how dark the going (growing) may seem at times . . . remember . . . you have nothing to fear. For God is evolving you towards Christ Consciousness.

"Lo, I AM with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

LIFE AND DEATH

By Evelyn Goodman (Age 11 years)
Daughter of Fellow Builder Senta Goodman



What is Life?
It is joy and sorrow, Hope and fear,
and terror.
Terror of not knowing,
Terror of the past, the present,
And above all, the future.

What lies ahead?
Adulthood, middle age, and Death.

What is Death?
Death is the gentle brook, following forever onward.
Death is not the sunset, but the Sunrise.
For when man dies, he has passed from night into day,
from shadow into the rays of the Sun.

Life is a folly, a merry-go-round, a daze, a spell.
Life is a mystery, which only a God can understand.

Death, a peace coming over troubled waters.
It is a breeze lifting a lotus petal.

How many times has this question been asked:
What am I doing here? Am I just a dot in the Universe?
Or am I a thought, an ideal, a mere vision.

What am I?
This question will be asked until the end of time,

Until Life is Death and Death is Life.

To fill the hour—that is happiness.—Emerson

THE LIMITATION OF FORM

By Harriet B. Case, Grand Cancellaria

"There is no 'two' unless you are a worshipper of form: Before Him who is without form, all becomes One." - Sham-Tabriz

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven." - Ecclesiastes.

Every incarnate Soul is climbing the "Mountain of Attainment". Some, who have a greater intensity than others, more one-pointed desire and drive, go straight up the shorter, but more difficult, way. Others climb steadily, but more slowly, on a spiral path. All will eventually reach the top - the goal of conscious realization of unity with the ONE, and so with all life.

This journey towards the mountain top is fraught with many hardships, dangers, and painful experiences; but these strengthen our spiritual muscles and give us strength of character and compassion for our fellow men and all creatures. This is the Saturn influence that compresses, restricts, and limits us in various ways.

The original Biblical reference to the Sabbath was Saturday (Saturn's day), and this by interpretation was the day of rest, of meditation, and quiet contemplation of the words of God. It is said that no soul can pass through the ring of Saturn to enter the Temple of Heaven until it has passed the fine tests which Saturn sets. This is why Saturn is called the "Ring-pass-not". Nevertheless, Saturn can be considered as man's greatest friend.



It is the influence of Saturn that is the form maker. Remember that Binah, the Cosmic Mother on the Qabalistic Tree of Life, is the sphere of Saturn whose influences condition all manifestation. This is because all forms are in themselves a limitation. But it is because of this limitation and discipline experienced through various restricting forms that the spirit becomes individualized, Self-conscious, and aware of who and what it is and its purpose in the Divine Plan.

The cause of what is called sin, is ignorance, the turning away of the human Soul from the vision of its true Self and the identifying of itself with the garments (the forms) it wears; thus making a false self, separate and apart from God, the origin and source of its being.

In order to return to the state of sinlessness, typical of the Garden of Eden, man must destroy the false Ego he built up during his time of ignorance and separateness. One by one he must drop the veils or covers in which the Soul is wrapped until it stands face to face with God in the state of original purity "naked and unashamed". Then it will have that precious quality of Self-consciousness, and the understanding that the secret of man's power lies in identification with his true Self, or the God within.

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One never falls but on the side toward which one leans.—Guizot



QUOTATIONS FROM YOUR "LOVE LETTERS" ....

...So many things are much clearer to me now. I used to "wonder why". Now I am beginning to see and understand. My thoughts are much happier. I have found the answer to so many things that were bothering me. To list them all would take a great deal of space. I now have found what I must have been looking for, for something without knowing what it was.

I. K., Roseville, Calif.

...I now see beauty where once I saw only ugliness, and to me that is the grandest and most beautiful of changes that has taken place in my personality, although there have been others as well.

J. B., San Francisco, Calif.

...My life has been much improved. I am very much happier and have not had any blue feelings or unkind thoughts to mar my days.

J. L., Malden, Mass.

...Having just come from your services . . . I want to express my wonderment in your ability to hit the nail on the head. Usually you start right off by putting me straight in my thinking about something I've just experienced or thought about . . . You seem to answer the questions running around in my mind. I heard you did this, but was a bit surprised to find it happening to me . . . This note is to express my thanks and marvel at your insight...

L. E. T., Los Angeles, Cal.

...There are no words with which to express my joy and absorbing interest in these studies. There are two words that no one else would understand, but I am sure you will -- "At last.....".

M. I., Bellingham, Wash.

...Tarot as taught by B.O.T.A. has been most rewarding, more so than anything I have studied heretofore. As far as the understanding of the "self" is concerned, I am sincerely grateful.

M. G. S., New York, N. Y.

The fingers of your thoughts are molding your face ceaselessly.

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PRECOGNITION

By Felix J. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor



Precognition, as connoted in scientific psychic research, is defined as non-inferential foreknowledge . . . i.e., knowledge of a future event which cannot be deduced or predicted from known past or present causes.

A mythical example of precognition concerns a king who was told by a sorcerer that on a given date in the near future a house would fall on him and he would be killed. So he sailed on the given date to an island where there were no houses. As he was walking along the beach, an eagle flew high overhead and dropped a turtle which it was carrying in its claws. Yes, the king was killed by a house which fell on him . . . the turtle's house!

Fortunately, we do not have to go to mythology, Nostradamus, or Mother Shipton to study this weird phenomenon. The English Society for Psychical Research tells us that during the first fifty years of the Society's existence, 349 cases of apparent precognition were published in its Proceedings, of which H. F. Saltmarsh, their accredited researcher, says that 134 fulfilled the requirements of the "good" classification . . . namely, where "the precognition is particularly definite and full of detail, and where the evidence is satisfactory, and that since then many more have been recorded". A check of other long established Societies indicates the same situation. There is a very large mass of excellent evidence for precognition.

The voluminous evidence, the philosophical implication, and the metaphysical aspects of this subject obviously cannot be summarized adequately in a one page article. All that can be done here is to give an example or two:

Mrs. Calder, the wife of an English school teacher, was a veritable fountain of precognition, telepathy, clairvoyance, and the like. So much so, indeed, that her husband kept a "coincidence notebook", which dated and documented her predictions. On one occasion she accurately described a two-family house located in an area which she had never visited. The description was minute, involving the architecture, the grounds and environs, a stream in the garden which strangely was black, and a dog kennel made out of a barrel which housed a black retriever, etc., etc. Some time later, Calder's teaching assignment was changed to Yorks, where they found the house and moved into it. It was exactly as described by Mrs. Calder, including the black stream in the garden (caused by a dyeworks upstream which used indigo dye). But the barrel dog kennel was not there and did not show up until two years later, when a new family moved into the multiple dwelling. They had a black retriever and set up a barrel for his house.

Then there was the case of Mrs. Lloyd-Owen. She viewed a motion picture of a group of Navy racing pilots who were to compete in a forthcoming race. The picture of one of them caused her to go into shock, and she moaned, "He's going to be killed, he's going to crash!", which is exactly what happened some weeks later.

Mr. Williams, an elderly Quaker greatly opposed to betting, dreamed that he was listening to the broadcast of the forthcoming Derby race. He told several people of his dream, which gave the names of the first four horses to cross the finish line. So they all listened to the broadcast of the race, which was word for word (as nearly as he could remember) what he had heard in his dream.

In the next edition of the ADYTUM NEWS NOTES, I may have something to say concerning the philosophic and metaphysical implications of these strange phenomena.

If you have occult or metaphysical books which are just taking up room, don't forget that you can donate them to our library.

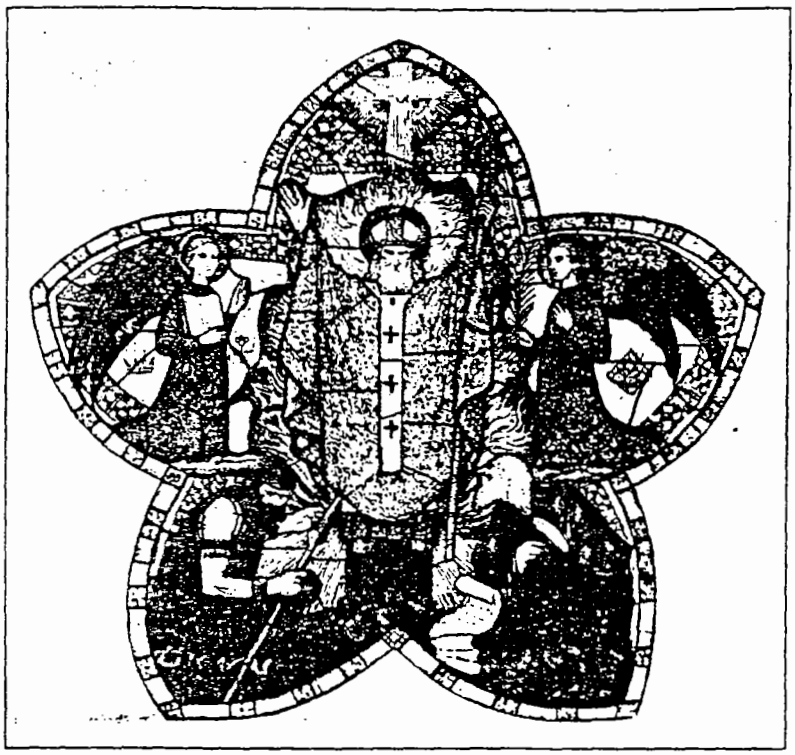
BROTHERHOOD

By Harriet B. Case, Grand Cancellaria

All Religions Are One

"In the adorations and benedictions
of righteous men
The praises of all the Prophets
are kneaded together.
All their praises are mingled
into one stream,
All the vessels are emptied
into one ewer.
Because He that is praised is,
in fact, Only One.
In this respect all religions
are only one religion.
Because all religions are directed
towards God's Light;
These various forms and figures
are borrowed from it."

-- Jalalu'ddin Rumi.



Brotherhood is a word that is used very often and very freely, but what do we mean by it? Basically it means the sending forth of good-will into life. If we persistently and consistently send forth good-will, we are acting as Brothers. We must have a deep desire to help our fellow men to reach their goal. The goal of all men, though they are not all conscious of it, is to realize the Soul's ambition, which is to become one with God, one with the Will of God. We desire that through this feeling of good-will and clear vision that we may help our brother men to reach the goal of spiritual freedom and to become consciously aware of the inner unity of all life.

We know that love is the most powerful force in the universe, and the power of thought follows close in its footsteps. Therefore, as we ally ourselves mentally and spiritually with all those groups and individuals of good-will throughout the world, as well as the Invisible Brotherhood (working on the inner planes), in sending forth streams of love and light and good-will, we cannot help but touch and awaken the consciousness of men still mesmerized by the illusion of separateness that holds them in blind bondage.

The mass of mankind is ever putting up barriers of race, color, nationality, religion and class. He builds high towers of false and ignorant beliefs from which he looks down with superiority and contempt upon those others who are different from him. If we are to have peace, joy, and security on earth, this type of thought and feeling must be transmuted into tolerance and kindness and the desire that all shall share in the good things of life and that they shall meet with just treatment. Our Declaration of Independence promised "equal opportunity (cont. on next page)

BROTHERHOOD (Cont.)

for all". Jesus said: "Ye shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your mind and soul, and your neighbor as yourself." "As", not "like", because He knew and was pointing out that your neighbor is yourself. He knew that all were in essence ONE with the Father.

It is important that those of us who believe in the Brotherhood of Man should constantly practice good-will and try to align ourselves consciously with that inner group of advanced beings known as the Inner School, or Masters of the Wisdom, who are ever pouring their love and light and good-will out into the world to help lift Man to that point of conscious realization of who and what he really is - an eternal and spiritual being, a "Son of God". These Wise beings of the Inner School are eagerly seeking the cooperation of all of us who also desire to help in spreading more light and compassionate love, or in other words, good-will, throughout this dark planet.



This is to announce the appointment of Marjory Begley as official organist of B.O.T.A. A student of music since early childhood, she has been doing music editing and related work for many years. She is now most graciously donating her time and talent to our work. We are very proud to have her as a member of our staff. We wish to express our thanks to our previous organist, Sela Paisley, who has served us beautifully in a temporary capacity until this time. She, of course, continues in her devotion to the Great Work.

May we also take this opportunity to express our delight with the wonderful work of choir leader Dorothy Howley. Her many talents, including a magnificent voice, are developing our choir to professional status.



Your response to our appeal for library books is most gratifying . . . . We have received a wonderful shipment of forty-one books, plus various pamphlets, from Martha Jane Hicks; a fine collection of books from Cora Mertes; a much-wanted volume of "Hermetic Mystery & Alchemy" by Atwood from Tom and Chris Porter; and many, many others, for which we thank you all sincerely. We are becoming very proud of our excellent library and invite you all to participate in the wealth of material it contains when the opportunity presents itself.



To all our members and friends who have sent in donations, we wish to express our love and thanks. Nor do we want to forget all the lovely people who are donating their efforts at headquarters and elsewhere. This is the spirit of dedicated service that gives our organization a true unity of purpose. May we ask all of you to continue giving aid in whatever capacity you are able, as B.O.T.A. is still in need of funds for publication of new material and attainment of a debt-free Temple.

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In our last issue, I briefly discussed precognition. A few modern examples were given, and the point was made that this strange phenomenon has been competently observed through the decades by psychic research individuals and groups. Indeed, it was pointed out that probably no psychic phenomenon is better documented and established as a real and not unusual happening.

While the examples I gave were of the spontaneous variety happening apparently without rhyme or reason to this or that individual, space precluded mention of the great number of controlled experiments performed by learned groups in many parts of the world. Precognating the throw of dice and the turn of ESP cards by a factor beyond chance also sustains the actuality of spontaneous cases. H. F. Saltmarsh, the accredited researcher for the English Society for Psychical Research, tells us: "There is a very large mass of excellent evidence for precognition . . . If human testimony is ever capable of establishing fact, the conclusion that spontaneous supernormal foreknowledge is a reality seems unavoidable."

Says Dame Edith Littleton, Past President of the above Society: "Precognition is possibly the only power we are to recognize that carries in itself the evidence of the relativity of our knowledge. Like the leaf that Noah's dove brought back to the Ark, it is the witness of another field of existence beyond the floods of illusion."



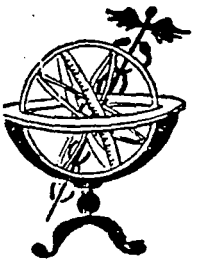
The major acceptance difficulty we experience with precognition is that it conflicts sharply with our universally accepted philosophy of free will. If all manner of future events, from the fall of dice, through individual experiences, to major historical events, must happen, then what becomes of our notion of free will?

In other writings I have covered the major philosophical views and attempted explanations of learned people . . . all of them futilely trying, so it seems to me, to explain in acceptable free-will terms the violently contradictory evidence for the existence of free will which precognition presents. Several of these discourses are in the mathematical language and highly complex. My best summary of them can be expressed in the words of the Persian poet:

"Myself when young did eagerly frequent
Doctor and saint, and heard much argument
About it and about; But ever more
Came out by the same door where in I went."

These frantic attempts at reconciling free will with precognition remind me of flies fluttering across a window pane in the vain attempt to get out. No matter what aero-dynamic skill the flies may exhibit in their flutterings, the window pane remains an impregnable barrier.

Actually, this barrier to an acceptable reconciliation is the backdrop of time and space, against which we evaluate all our theories and categorize all our observations. This despite the fact that philosophers have (cont. on next page)



repeatedly warned us against accepting the reality of time and space in the same way as we would a planet or an apple. Nobody ever has or will observe space per se . . . as a thing in itself. And as for time . . . I may possibly have something to say about this convenient and useful mental tool in a future article.

The answer to the free-will/precognition dilemma is, in my opinion, definitely not an item with which we can cope in our present state of consciousness. There are other such items, such as pre-beginnings, post-endings, infinity . . . and all absolutes, such as absolute speed. In the super-conscious states, however, all reports confirm the fact that they present no solution difficulties to those who enter these higher states of consciousness . . . and quite a few have accomplished this. This was nicely put by William James: ". . . our normal waking consciousness, rational consciousness as we call it, is but one special type of consciousness, whilst all about it, parted from it by the filmiest screens, there lie potential forms of consciousness entirely different." To this fact, several of the Grand Chiefs of B.O.T.A. can emphatically attest.

Be patient. Our Playwright may show
In some fifth act what this wild
drama means.—*Tennyson*

TAROT KEY 2 -- THE HIGH PRIESTESS

Open the gates of the past O Gimel
Let loose only the beauty and the love
And all the wisdom stored up in the years,
The power of truth, infinite joy and peace,
The seed of nature's panoply of youth,
The loveliness of spring, the dawn, the night,
Infinity with all its myriad stars.



All, all is there, teach us to look at that
Which came from primal truth, pure from its source,
Free from illusion, cloud of mortal thought
And all that comes not from eternity.

Soul of my soul, resplendant, pure and free
Reflect thyself within that part of me
Wherein all records of the past are writ.

Erase all errors, blot out all mistakes,
Rewrite the scroll with new and glorious words,
Telling the beauty of celestial things,
The truth of cosmic life from out the stars,
Eternal splendor of the Primal Will
Which ever seeks to raise us from the dust,
So that we walk like gods
Upon Olympian hills.

Above received in meditation by Constance Jonniaux, Companion Builder.

THE MEMORY PATTERN OF THE BODY

By Catherine E. Morton, Artisan of Pronaos No. 1

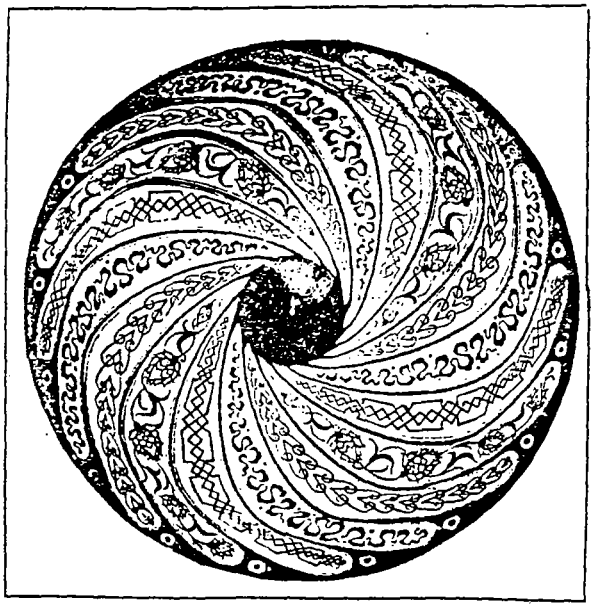
The Qabalistic teaching regarding the formation and reformation of our body cells is two-fold: first, it is the subconscious level of mind that determines the cell structure, and second, by altering the patterns habitual to the subconscious, we may alter our very cells, building the physical vehicle of adepthood.

Since the enunciation and scientific acceptance of the subconscious mind as something separate from our normal consciousness, it has been (too often tacitly) taken for granted that the vast majority of bodily functions, apart from thought and direct physical action, are indeed regulated and directed by the subconsciousness. With the first part of our Qabalistic teaching, therefore, science is in complete accord.

But until quite recently, the notion that the nature and attributes of any cell or group of cells could be radically changed from the mold genetically impressed upon them by the chromosomes that united at conception would have been laughed to scorn. Recently, however, remarkable breakthroughs in our knowledge of just how cells are formed and reformed have made it probable that we shall be able one day to alter their patterns deliberately.

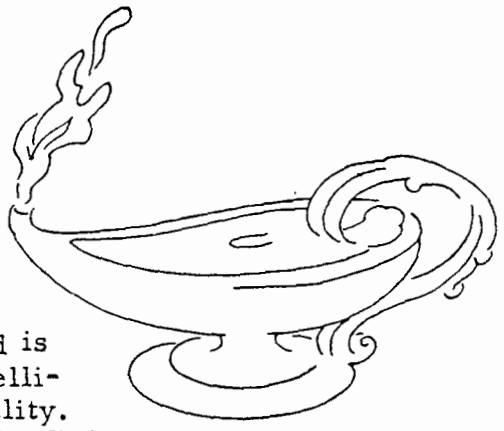
Each cell contains a pattern of its past and future, a genetic code, in a molecule of deoxyribonucleic acid, or DNA. This code, we are beginning to break, and it is not at all impossible that we shall at a future date be able to correct inherited disabilities and diseases by re-coding the basic chemistry of the body affected. If one considers each cell a little factory, then DNA is its top management. It transmits its orders from the cell nucleus by creating from itself a carbon copy of its own structure called RNA (ribonucleic acid), which passes from the cell nucleus into the surrounding cytoplasm, while the DNA molecule itself remains undiminished.

From the occult point of view, two things are of especial interest in regard to DNA. First, it is always the same, no matter in what kind of cell (skin, blood, bone, brain, etc.) it be located, and no matter whether the functions governed by it are all in operation yet or not; that is, the cells of an infant contain the pattern for the development of organs (e.g. sexual organs) and the dissolution of organs (e.g. certain portions of the pituitary) in the as yet unrealized adult. DNA remembers what is yet to be.



Second, the shape of this great molecule is helical, or spiral. The spiral, beyond all else, is the form that force takes in putting on form. This is not merely an esoteric doctrine, but observable physical fact. Consider the whirlpool, the hurricane, the lightning (which high-speed photographs reveal to be spiral in form), the curving belts of radiation about the earth, the lines of magnetic force, the shape of the galaxies themselves. Esoterically, of course, the same thing is found, the vortex, or whirlpool of force at the chakras, (cont. on next page)

THE PURPOSE OF PRONAOS



What is the purpose of attending Pronaos? Partly, of course, the sharing of studies and experiences, but to a much larger degree the shared ritual, through which the combined actions of all help each to build the Temple Within, on the Inner Planes. But how does ritual do this?

As Tarot Key No. 6 shows, the subconscious mind is the essential intermediary between selfconscious intelligence and the Holy Guardian Angel, the true Individuality. One's own personal subconsciousness, being part of the Universal Matrix, is not communicated with so readily by words as by pictures. It is for this reason that the Tarot is so admirable a medium for reaching the subconscious level of mentality. And ritual, or ceremonial magic, is picture symbols in action.

Through ritual, the Qabalist builds in the Inner Worlds. The Hermetic maxim, "As above, so below", intimates to us that by our correct action in the Inner Worlds, we are able to determine the resultant manifestations on this, the physical plane. This correct action is brought about and intensified by ritualistic group work, such as that of Chapter, whereby we become channels for those aspects of the One Source that were called "Angels" by the ancients. Through the ritual of ceremonial magic, we transmit their forces down to earth. Plato termed magic "the service of the gods" It is these aspects of our own divinity that we enhance and serve, through ritual.

In Pronaos, the Forecourt, we lay, through simple ritual, the groundwork of the Temple that rises gradually through the nights and days of incarnation and disincarnation to tower unto the stars.

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THE ROLE OF THE ASTRAL BODY IN PHYSICAL HEALTH

By Catherine E. Morton, Artisan of Pronaos No. 1



Qabalistic doctrine holds that all manifestation on the physical plane, including the health of our bodies, is effected by causes that exist on the Inner Planes. Hence, physical illnesses and "accidents" are, qabalistically speaking, but the outward and visible signs of a warp or defect working down from the astral or mental plane.

What is commonly called "faith-healing" is based on this assumption. Orthodox medicine has properly objected that faith cures are unpredictable, often unverifiable, and subject to no scientific check or control. Physicians are wary of the "supernatural", and well they may be, for there is no such thing. Certain unexplained healings may seem as "supernatural" to us as lightning does to a primitive tribe, but natural laws govern both. The difference is, that we know the laws governing the appearance of lightning; the generality of mankind, untrained in the esoteric Qabalah, do not know the laws governing the curing of the body by work on the higher planes. It is worth pointing out here, that healing should properly proceed on all planes simultaneously; and this practice is gradually being accepted by physicians, who have recently acknowledged the important interplay of forces between the emotions (astral) and the body.

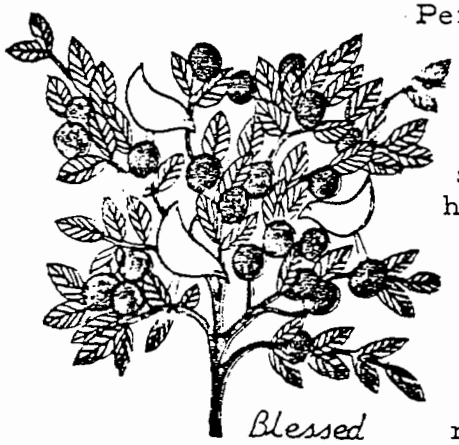
It is now admitted, for instance, that ulcers are rarely caused by diet, though diet may aggravate them, but rather by worry, frustration, tension, and similar emotional strains. Certain persons are now recognized to be "accident-prone", because subconsciously they desire the accident, whether from feelings of guilt or from a yearning to escape for a time the problems of day-to-day life. It is common knowledge that a couple without physical impediment who nevertheless fail to have a child, often find they have succeeded after adopting one, after the emotional strain of their desire for offspring has been assuaged.

Orthodox medicine has long admitted the importance of the "will-to-live", vital to the recovery of seriously ill or injured people, but it is only recently that hospitals, traditionally bleak and white, have begun to tint their walls the soft green of nature's life (Tarot Key No. 3) and even to introduce such frivolities as flowered curtains. The resultant uplift of spirits among patients has been remarkable. The effect of cool green walls on the subconscious regulator of our Life-Power is one of suggestion. The law of suggestion, the basis of work with the Tarot, is being employed increasingly by physicians.

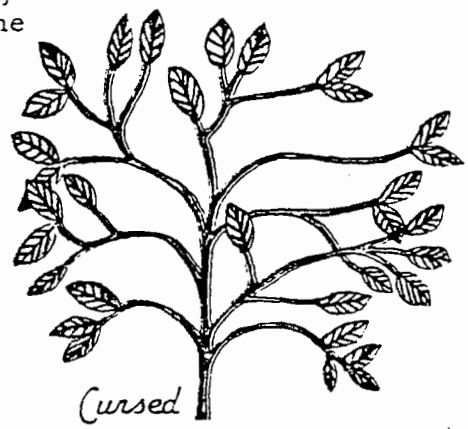
What has brought about this acceptance of occult teaching? Partly the forces of the Aquarian Age, as they come more strongly into play; partly the light cast by such scientists as Jung and Freud upon the potency of the mind, especially the subconscious mind; partly the meticulously recorded and scientifically controlled results obtained at

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Lourdes (these are most impressive). Whatever the cause, and despite the failure of medicine to give credit where credit is due (i.e. to Occultism!) for these concepts, a new approach to the body's ills, psychosomatic medicine, has evolved.



Perhaps the only purely scientific experiments being made along these lines are those of Dr. Rhine, of Duke University. His results are astounding. Recently national coverage was given to a series of experiments in which he an a group of co-workers set up a greenhouse, in which seeds planted on one side were continuously blessed and exhorted to grow, while those, genetically identical, on the other side, were systematically cursed and commanded to wither. The results were, in the true sense of the word, magical. The plants that had been blessed grew rapidly, taller and more robust than the norm; the plants that had been cursed were stunted and weak, or failed to sprout at all. Here we have a vivid demonstration, under rigid scientific control, of the force of properly linked and channeled group emotion, bearing out the Hermetic teaching as to the effect of the Inner Planes on the physical world, "As above, so below".



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COLOR and SOUND

The Rev. Ann Davies will conduct a class on the correlation of Color and Sound for the attainment of the higher states of consciousness and healing, starting in September. Special announcements regarding the exact date will be mailed to all local members. The lectures will be given on Thursday evenings at 8:00 and repeated on Monday afternoons at 1:30.

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THE PERSONAL TOUCH

From Your Supersensory Snooper



Your Supersensory Snooper sensed a secret in the air, as strange whisperings resounded about the sacred precincts of our Temple. At last the secret was out!

The Thursday night class members, overcome with a need to express their personal love and gratitude to the Rev. Ann Davies for the help they have been receiving from her classwork, successfully overwhelmed her with a surprise party.

At the close of the Question and Answer period of the June 7th class, she found herself suddenly inundated by a shower of beautifully wrapped gifts. As she opened them one by one, her delight was equalled only by the light of their shining eyes and happy faces.

Truly a splendid and touching gesture, for which Rev. Davies expresses her heartfelt joy.

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Thanks to the help and clever shopping of our Choir Leader, Apprentice Builder Dorothy Howley . . . and thanks to the generous gifts of Blue Chip Stamp Books from our friends and members, we now have a lovely little Sonora Organ. Although it is not new, it is new to us! We had exactly enough Blue Chip Books ($150.00) worth to take care of the transaction.

Our organist, Associate Builder Sela Paisley, is arranging to have the organ thoroughly serviced, so that in our own Temple we can accomplish "the music of the spheres".

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TAROT KEY 1 -- THE MAGICIAN

I, the Magician, draw down from on high
The seed I plant in Gimel's virgin soil
And from this seed will grow the golden tree,
Bearing the fruit of immortality.
And he who tastes this fruit will hunger never more
For things of earth that dure but for a day,
His life sustained will be by spirit's deathless power
And free and joyous he will go his way.

Above received in meditation by Constance Jonniaux, Companion Builder.



HEALTH

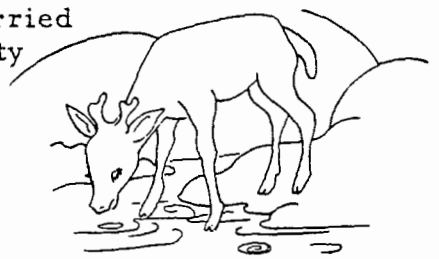
By Peggy Sue Watson, Purifier, Pronaos No. 1



Health is a full, vibrant emotion; it is the sum total of all parts: body, mind and spirit.

... it is a rhythmic graceful body, strong and supple. It is lean fingers working with a clean mind. It is multitudes of cells straining to perfection unaccommodated by the filth of thoughts negative.

... it is the Spirit caught in the calm of early morning, carried on the wings of simple prayer. Health is honesty and beauty out of nowhere ... a craggy rock washed by the salty sea. A box of herbs growing in the garden.



Health is a child gathering flowers, sprinkled lightly with the dust of fairies, laughing on a Summer's day with a face dripping water, feeling and not fearing and swimming in a cool pool with water sprites about him. Health is two parents raking the coals of a campfire, sharing a warm cup of cocoa with their children while watching the salamanders dance in the flames. Health is a child breaking a clod with the knowledge that that little gnome is lurking very near and somehow it will help his seed to grow.



Health is an attitude of mind, it is a promise to one's soul. ... it is a table simply spread: a bunch of grapes, a heavy bread, a wedge of cheese and a salad breathing deep the essence of garlic and oils and vital greens.

Health is a bronze tan. Bare feet. Shining hair. Health is a calm voice, whispering a command. A clear, full, gentle voice speaking love and life and laughter.



Health is a beautiful blue land where the soul flies to refresh itself, and having flown, returns to its temple to express the wonders of it's journey.

Health, then, is God perfect, manifest in you and me. So I hide not my temple in shadowed corners but I feed it pure foods, pure thoughts, pure deeds and I breathe into it sweet incense to awaken my sleeping soul and I pour out works of His creation that this incarnation be not in vain. And I pray in a silence of unspeakable depths and find a voice that leads me out of darkness and sets my feet upon the path that leads to eternal enlightenment.



. . . May we take this opportunity to thank our kind friends who have left anonymous donations in our Temple Building Fund Box or have sent them through the mail . . .

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A CASE HISTORY FROM OUR FILES



May 1, 1962

Dear B.O.T.A.,

As my husband has always been very possessive, he has strenuously objected to any interest of mine which is outside the framework of our mutual activities. I took up the study of Tarot in the hope that it would help me solve this problem. However, his reaction to my affiliation with B.O.T.A. has been even more antagonistic than ever. He claims that if I really loved him, I wouldn't need to "escape into mystical studies". Spiritual Attainment is the most vitally important aim in my life, but I find myself becoming quite resentful towards him. The result is a developing coldness between us. Is there any way I can use the Tarot to change him?

I. L. H.

May 7, 1962

Dear Fellow Aspirant I. L. H.,

Yes, there is a way to use the Tarot for this problem, but not to change him. Tarot was designed by the Adepts as a spiritual self-analytical technique in order to transmute the immature and unevolved aspects of our personality. Each Tarot Key represents a specific Power of Consciousness. True Spiritual Attainment depends on our replacing ignorant and negative mental-emotional states with the potent positive imagery of the Tarot symbols. Tarot is not merely something to study. IT IS A WAY OF LIFE! How? By taking the Principles that Tarot embodies and living them! Living the Principles of Tarot and Qabalah means learning how to express these Teachings in our daily lives . . . particularly in our relationships. Tarot stirs our deeper being into an awareness of the Unity of Life. This Unity must be expressed as love, or it is not complete.

We notice that next week your lesson will be on Tarot Key No. 6 - The Lovers. Meditate on the symbolism of this Key. Notice the Archangel Raphael overshadowing the male and female figures with Divine protection and help. See yourself as the female figure and your husband as the male, in the balance and harmony of true lovers, being guided and permeated by the love of God through His Messenger under Whose wings you both abide. BECOME THE SPIRIT OF THIS TAROT KEY! Intensify your love nature by receiving this Divine Love and then meditate on the fact that it is God loving your husband through you and you through him.

Then, when your husband comes home, EXPRESS this love. Run to the door to greet him. Welcome him home with the caresses that the beloved requires. Water and cultivate the garden of your relationship. And don't forget the laughter and gaiety of the Great Adventure as typified by Key No. 0 - The Fool.

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THE EVOLUTION OF PERSONALITY

By The Rev. Ann Davies, Prolocutor General



SUPREMACY

It is most important that Aspirants who follow the Western Mystery School methods of attainment understand what this involves. It is nothing less than the development of a perfected personality through which the Higher Self may have unimpeded function and control.

Just as the greatest virtuoso will express only raucous disharmony if his musical instrument is out of tune . . so do our unfinished and unbalanced personalities express the discords of immaturity with the unhappy consequences which follow our attempts to play our part in the Symphony of Life through an imperfect instrument.

Some parts of our unfinished personalities are analogous to holes or empty spaces. They are like disconnected notes on the piano. Hit them and nothing happens. Or like a plot of ground that lacks an essential mineral. The seeds planted in such a medium do not have the nourishment required for proper growth. Lack of the essential mineral will grow a warped plant.

The youngest souls have the largest "empty spaces" in the personality. To expect consistent fidelity, reliability, true unselfishness or real love from such spiritually immature souls is like expecting a two-year-old to have an adult's managerial ability to balance a household or business budget. The only cure for these "younger souls" is TIME! They require the Karmic experiences of many Incarnations in order truly to mature.

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EVOLUTION OF PERSONALITY (Cont.)

The Higher Self is continuously "growing" its instruments towards perfection through the process of evolution. When a particular individualized soul reaches a certain degree of ripeness, it steps away from the apparently mechanical and slow evolutionary processes which apply to the masses and takes on a heightened program for self unfoldment.

Self-Conscious cooperation with the Higher Self for perfecting the personality instrument is what indicates an "older soul". True aspiration, therefore, implies the capacity to be objective about one's personality, with willingness to find the "empty spaces" and "out of tune" mental-emotional attitudes in order to do something about them.

Tarot is in essence a spiritual self-psychoanalytical system of Self-discovery with the added power of helping the aspirant to fill in the empty or undeveloped parts of the nature, and thereby to bring about a balanced coordination between the mental-emotional and spiritual levels of the personality. As each of the Tarot Keys symbolically represents one of the Powers of Consciousness, the effect of consistent Tarot practice is an extraordinary quickening of the individual evolution.

The uninformed aspirant often tries to use occultism as an escape from problems. The age-old Mystery School Training System, which B.O.T.A. represents, teaches such aspirants that the only way to "escape" problems is to "outgrow" them.

Re-dedicate yourself, therefore, to the Great Work. Labor unceasingly to make your personality a truly "finished product" . . . a fit instrument in and through which the Higher Self can express the Universal Love, Wisdom and Power of the Most High. And be of good cheer. You are on the Way that leads to true Spiritual Attainment.

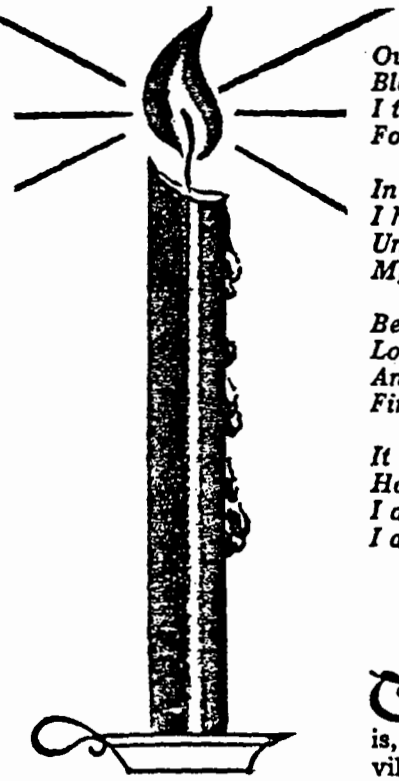
ALL higher motives, ideals, conceptions, sentiments in a man are of no account if they do not come forward to strengthen him for the better discharge of the duties which devolve upon him in the ordinary affairs of life.

—Henry Ward Beecher.

THE ideal life is in our blood and never will be still. Sad will be the day for any man when he becomes contented with the thoughts he is thinking and the deeds he is doing,—where there is not forever beating at the doors of his soul some great desire to do something larger, which he knows that he was meant and made to do.

—Phillips Brooks.

THE only way in which one human being can properly attempt to influence another is the encouraging him to think for himself, instead of endeavoring to instil ready-made opinions into his head.—Sir Leslie Stephen.



Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the Shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.

"Invictus," *by W. E. Henley*

THE first and best victory is to conquer self; to be conquered by self is, of all things, the most shameful and vile.—Plato.

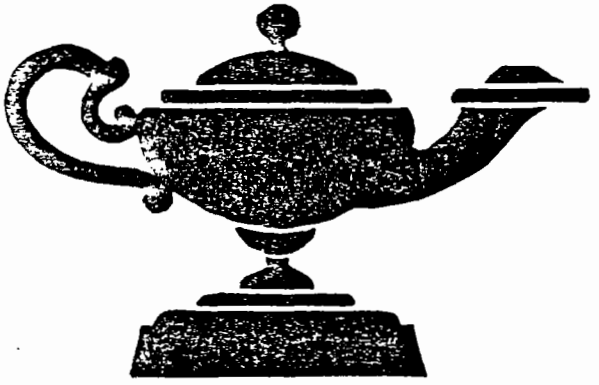
MEMORY PATTERN OF THE BODY (Cont.)

where the Inner Planes most easily impinge upon us.

Now that all but the last step has been taken by exoteric science, now that the alterability of our cells by physical means is admitted, it must come that the alterability of these cells by mental means, by the concentration of the Magician (Tarot Key No. 1) and the cultivation of the Empress (Tarot Key No. 3), by conscious direction of the subconscious, long taught by the Mystery Schools, be accepted as fact. For what else can, by science's own postulates, govern the formation and activity of DNA but the great governess of all of our "automatic" functions, the subconscious mind?

ALL THE FLOWERS OF ALL THE TOMORROWS ARE IN THE SEEDS OF TODAY.
—CHINESE PROVERB

THE VALUE OF PRONAOS RIT



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become familiar with the impact
in impressing subconscious response.

Ritual, or ceremonial magic, is picture symbolism in action, and thus has an even more potent effect on subconsciousness. Ritualistic group work channels the powers of the One Force we use for our spiritual growth, and intensifies and multiplies them through the units of the group. Thus, rates of vibration are invoked which no single person could arouse or utilize by himself. Pronaos is the beginning of this important training and prepares the student for the more advanced work of Chapter.

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BEING BLIND AND DEAF TO THE MATERIAL WORLD HAS HELPED ME TO DEVELOP AN AWARENESS OF THE INVISIBLE, SPIRITUAL WORLD. I KNOW MY FRIENDS NOT BY THEIR PHYSICAL APPEARANCE, BUT BY THEIR SPIRIT. CONSEQUENTLY DEATH DOES NOT SEPARATE ME FROM MY LOVED ONES. TO ME THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS DEATH IN THE SENSE THAT LIFE HAS CEASED.
—HELEN KELLER

. . . . "My Cup Runneth Over"

August 20, 1962

Dear B.O.T.A.,

This practical wisdom really works! I am an entertainer and must travel a lot. For some time I had been fascinated by a picture of a log house on the cover of a song. It had a rail fence, a green pasture and a dusty road that lead to some shady trees. Somehow it appealed to me as a haven of rest between engagements. So, I decided to try and make this log house my objective. I used my shoes - of all things! - as a reminder. Each morning as I put them on and each night as I took them off, I would visualize that log house and see myself walking up that dusty road to sit under those shady trees. It became a ritual that I rarely missed.



About a year later I was booked at the Belvedere Club in Hot Springs, Ark. It was Christmas and I didn't want the engagement, but my agent insisted. One afternoon before the show a friend and I took a ride in the hills surrounding this city. Neither of us had ever been there before and we soon became lost. We took a small dirt road in an effort to find someone to give us directions back to town. Suddenly there it was! There was my house. The exact scene I had been visualizing. I could scarcely believe it. I went to the door and a little lady in a sunbonnet appeared. After she gave us directions, I told her how much I loved the place. "If you like it that much, why don't you buy it?" she said, and quoted a price. I told her I would think it over, as I was short of funds at the time. That night, after the show I got into a Bingo game at the club. Believe it or not, I won the exact amount the little lady had quoted. We closed the deal the next day, and I have found rest and happiness here, between engagements, ever since. That is why it is my "Happy Hideaway".

Kurtis Wollgien, Hot Springs, Ark.

(Editor's note: Hmm! Could it be we need a Bingo game to help us clear up the Temple mortgage?)

Sept. 15, 1962

Dear B.O.T.A.,

When I started the B.O.T.A. correspondence course, I was confronted with the necessity of deciding on what I really wanted. After first considering outstanding success in one of my various aptitudes, my mother one day gave me the answer. She said, "Alma, nothing gives a woman so much happiness as a good husband." This was it! This was what I really wanted! However, it was going to take some doing. With a daughter in college, I had been picturing myself as alone and independent for years. Now, I had to revise my thinking about myself. Each night and morning I looked in the mirror and said, "I am a wife!"

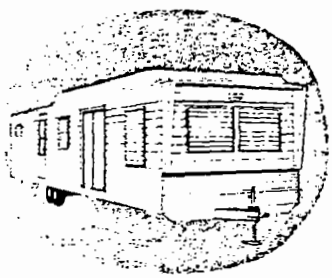
I went about it very scientifically. First, I must have a picture of the type of man I wanted. I went through stacks of magazines. Pictures of movie stars were out for obvious reasons, as were the elegant men who advertise whiskey and the rougher type who advertise beer. I certainly did not want a man who smelled of beer all the time. Beautiful colored pictures of men of (continued on next page)

derring-do who gave credit for their accomplishments to a certain brand of cigarettes I discarded too. Models for advertisement of clothing I passed by as being characterless. I did not want a clothes horse -- that was my department. I made one stipulation. He was to be a descendant of Norsemen or Vikings. As I was a descendant of the Vikings myself, I felt two people of the same background would suit each other best.



At last I found the picture. In an oval, ornate frame, I found the best picture I had ever seen of Abraham Lincoln. So my husband was to be a Viking Abraham Lincoln! When my mother and daughter saw the picture and asked about it, I told them, "That is a picture of the type of man I am going to marry."

The months passed, the picture became frayed, and I was becoming discouraged. "Lord, isn't there one man in the whole world for me? He can be just part Viking!" Then one morning I threw the picture away. I had met the man! We had known each other as children, but had not seen each other since. His forebears had helped establish a Swedish settlement in Finland, which qualified him as a descendant of a Norseman and a Viking. Although not a large man, he has rugged features like old Abe, and is very forthright and vigorous in his beliefs, but very sweet and thoughtful. He said he never dreamed he was the Abe Lincoln type and that I had given him an awful lot to live up to.



Later, when we found it necessary to find a new place to live, I hit on the idea of a mobile home. While visiting our folks one weekend, we told them of our desire to find a nice trailer. They knew a dealer who had a bargain. We looked at it and loved it. It had quality and durability, besides giving promise of looking very pretty when properly furnished. It was big, too, and possessed of such luxuries as a garbage disposal and an air conditioner. There was a silver nameplate by the front door. It read, "NORSEMAN by Viking Mfg. Co." Dear subconscious had gone all out! Knowing very little about trailers we had never heard of that company and model. Needless to say, we bought it and are living happily and comfortably.

Alma Anderson, Compton, Calif.

(Editor's note: Houses, houses everywhere . . . but Temple mortgage still unpaid! With your talent for multiple demonstrations of "Vikings" and "Norsemen", how about getting another picture of Abraham Lincoln (on Green Certificates) and see these flowing to B.O.T.A. for clearing the mortgage? Or would Bingo be easier?)



Gifts, legacies and donations to B.O.T.A. are tax-deductible.

DIE when I may, I want it said of me by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow.—Abraham Lincoln.

TEMPLE PROFILES (1)

Because of your many inquiries, we are starting a series of profile backgrounds of those who serve you at the Temple of Tarot and Holy Qabalah. We are happy to introduce Felix J. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor and Vice-President of Builders of the Adytum.



Felix J. Frazer
Grand Prolocutor

Although of American parentage and descent, Mr. Frazer's early education was abroad, centering in Switzerland and Paris where he studied piano extensively under a world renowned Maestro. He speaks French and German like a native. Returning to his native America, he took a ten year course in musical theory and orchestration at the Institute of Musical Art, which later became the Juilliard Foundation. He is an accomplished concert pianist.

As a youth, he was personally instructed by a friend of his family, the great Swami Abhedananda, in Eastern mystical disciplines. He later found the Western occult traditions more in harmony with his temperament.

Coincident with his musical studies, he took extensive courses in mathematics, English, psychology, philosophy, and other studies at Columbia University. Tiring of business administration, which included a variety of highly successful enterprises, he joined the Forum Staff of New York University, where he lectured on post-graduate economics. For several years, he lectured widely in many of our leading eastern universities and colleges, as well as on the radio. He has been billed in several of our major eastern forums as "one of America's leading scholars". Upon entering government service, he became Director of Research of the then largest statistical organization inquiring into America's productive capacity, and later was appointed Assistant Chief of Staff of the Bureau of Information. He is also the founder or co-founder of several laboratories for scientific research, one of them having done extensive work for the Government in the atomic field. He retired as Research Engineer with Rural Electrification Administration.

He was for many years a close friend of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Foster Case and the Rev. Ann Davies. Our Founder was delighted to find in him not only a brilliant scientific mind, but one of profound metaphysical perception. For the major portion of his life, his chief avocation has been scientific psychic research, in which field he has worked and been closely associated with the top men in this area . . Hereward Carrington, Hamlin Garland, Stewart Edward White, and many more, and his writings on this subject have been widely published at home and abroad.

Those of us who know him intimately know that he is not only a true mystic with supersensory development on the highest levels, but that he also combines these rare qualities with a highly trained scientific mind and a down-to-earth pragmatic and capable approach not only to the problems of business administration, but also to the humanities. His friendship and compassion for suffering humanity are boundless. It was revealed to Dr. Case and the Rev. Ann Davies that he is a Lay Brother of the Inner School working exoterically through many incarnations for the welfare of humanity on the incarnate planes. His seven years of devoted and brilliant service to B.O.T.A. and his distinguished life record as a humanitarian have confirmed this judgment not only to his co-workers, but to all sensitives who come within his aura.

Speech is the index of the mind.—Seneca.

A CASE HISTORY FROM OUR FILES

Dear B.O.T.A. *Sept. 1, 1962*

What can a busy man do to overcome dullness and lethargy? I am a serious aspirant and find these lessons all that I have been seeking - that is, when I can think clearly enough to absorb them. My days are filled with the problems involved in running a wholesale building supply business. I will not burden you with the details, but it can be hell. At night I truly put business matters aside and always intend to devote myself completely to these studies. Lately, however, I have found myself incapable of the necessary concentration. The more intensely I try, the more I seem to wander from the subject and fall into a dull stupor. Is there any particular aspect of the work I could utilize to stimulate the needed drive?

J.F.S.

Dear J. F. S. Sept. 7, 1962

It is possible that you are suffering from mental indigestion. Many aspirants do not realize the necessity of setting aside time for relaxation and sheer pleasure. With your days involved in business problems and your nights devoted to study, you have been neglecting an important aspect of your being. True spiritual perception includes periods of expressing the love of God by participation in the joyous "dance of life". Look at Key No. 19 and meditate upon its symbolism. For this spirit of being as a little child again, you must take time out to absorb the joys of nature and your fellow man. In a game of golf you can wonder at the amazing bodily control necessary to make the ball reach its destination. At a concert you can permeate yourself with the beauty of sound vibration. At a social gathering you can express your devotion to the One Self by communion with other aspects of that Divine Self. In these acts of play and relaxation you will be restoring to its rightful place that part of your being that demands communion with the beautiful creations and sensations of God's manifest Universe. Then you will be able to return to your studies, refreshed and exhilarated, capable of absorbing much more of the wisdom of God because you have not neglected giving this time for reflection and assimilation.





Yours in L. V. X.

Soror A

Dear Soror A, 

Sept. 15, 1962

Please accept my thanks for your advice, which I have put into practice with magnificent results. I now give a portion of two or three nights a week to the joyous "dance of life", as you so wisely suggested, and have put the gremlins of worry and frustration to rout. I have no more problems whatever in concentrating on my studies.

J.F.S.

Dear J. F. S. Sept. 21, 1962

Now that you have discovered how to participate in the joyous "dance of life", how about moving to Los Angeles to teach me how to practice what I preach? Up to now my recreational inclinations have been . . . heated debates on anthropological carbon dating; researching the philosophical significance of negative space curvature; walks in the moonlight (for purposes of meditation, of course!); and the pragmatic application of semantics to precise communication!

Soror A

Aspiration

by Ann Davies 1943

I am the ship.
My billowing sails will hold,
through tempests lash and tear!
The hungry waves in fury seek to rend me bow to stern,
undaunted I remain . . .
My Captain steers our course
into the sun.



I am the light.
Though monstrous shadows lurk with cunning guile,
And seek to shroud the way . . . to cow the self
with phantoms of the night,
Courageously I shed my radiance . . .
dispel the gloom.



I am the force
That staunchly stands immovable and firm, . . .
foundations strong.
Savagely protective, . . . pliable, . . . serene . . .
I am the soul of adoration,
weaving dreams of stardust
into cosmic ecstacy.



I am the alpha . . .
the omega . . . the dream . . . reality,
that brings rich promise of eternities to come.
I am spirit led by love . . . your other self am I . . .
The song of hope that whispers in the breeze
with soft caress, I beckon and entice
towards mystic shores.



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MY ASTROLOGICAL MOTHER

By The Rev. Ann Davies, Prolocutor General



Some twenty years ago, I shared a trait common to most very young people. I knew many things. Amongst the items of knowledge on which I considered myself an erudite expert, was the "fact" that Astrology was nothing but superstitious nonsense. From this pinnacle of opinionated superiority, I was toppled most dramatically almost two decades ago.

During intermission of a class being given by Dr. Case, I was approached by a woman who was a stranger to me, and without any preamble she said: "You were born in the sign of Scorpio." I answered in surprise, "Why, yes!" She then continued, "The last few days of October." She now had my full attention as she proceeded to tell me the year I was born. I was puzzled by the complete certainty in her voice, which did not indicate the slightest question as to the accuracy of her data.



A charming, petit lady, Eva Scott was dressed in the best of taste. Poised, gracious, refined, with beautiful diction, and an emanating serenity, she certainly presented a face of sane composure. Nevertheless, I started to question this appearance when she continued her pronouncements. "You are my long lost spiritual daughter," she said, as her violet eyes took on an expression of melting love. "You see, my dear, I have a son who is your astrological 'twin'. When I was carrying him, I knew that I would have twins. A boy and a girl. When only the boy was born, I was considerably disturbed. I didn't know what had gone wrong, but I knew I had a girl somewhere, somehow, and I worried. I felt that my daughter needed me. And then when you came into the room this evening, my heart jumped at the sight of you. 'My God, there she is . . . my daughter!', I said to myself. 'She must have gotten mislaid somehow!' "



At this point I felt a sense of bewilderment and hunted about in my mind for a way to change the subject in order to give me time to analyze what was happening. "I have a daughter of my own," I said to her. "You have?", she questioned with delight in her voice. "What is her Sun sign?" I answered, (cont. on next page)

MY ASTROLOGICAL MOTHER (Cont.)

"My daughter Bonnie is an Aries." "Ah yes," she acquiesed, "that is exactly what I would expect. You see, I am an Aries also. Where is Bonnie's Moon?" I told her, "My Bonnie's Moon is in Scorpio." Eva Scott nodded her head in calm pleasure. "Yes," she remarked, "that is quite natural. My Moon is also in Scorpio. Tell me, dear, where is Mars, the ruler of her Sun sign?" "In Sagittarius," I answered. A look of pride swept over her face as she said, "That is precisely as it should be. My Mars is in Sagittarius also. You see, dear, this is a typical Grandmother/Grandchild chart!"

We were interrupted by the bell which announced the end of intermission, giving me an opportunity to re-examine my adverse attitude towards astrology.

What was the outcome of this extraordinary meeting? I saw my astrological mother at Dr. Case's classes every week after that, and almost immediately I knew that here was one of the most well-adjusted and intelligent individuals that one could ever hope to know. Within a short time she pointed out to me that inasmuch as her son (my astrological twin) travelled far from home because of his career, it was my daughterly responsibility to give her a little more companionship. This, of course, I saw as a most reasonable and pleasant Karmic duty indeed. As time went on, the accuracy of her vision became ever more apparent to me. She loved me, scolded me, indulged me, advised me, accepted me. She filled a gap in my life. You see, my own physical parents and I were never anything except complete psychic strangers to each other. She gave me that which I had never had before; for she, my astrological mother was all that a true spiritual mother could be.

Today, I share a trait not common to most people. I know very few things! Amongst the few items of knowledge on which I consider myself an erudite expert is the "fact" that the Esoteric Astrology as revealed in Tarot and Qabalah (the hidden psychology of the Ancients) is not superstitious nonsense! My astrological mother has been a living attestation to this fact.

STATEMENT

I, Eva D. Scott, do hereby certify that in the month of July of the year 1944 the incident as given by my astrological daughter, Ann Davies, did occur as she has stated it, and that our relationship throughout the years has been a continuous verification of the intuitional experience I had regarding our relationship.

(Signed) Eva D. Scott
Eva D. Scott

"Let my love, like sunlight, surround you and yet give you illumined freedom." —RABINDRANATH TAGORE

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TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

■ Rev. Ann Davies' weekly lecture series entitled "COLOR AND SOUND TECHNIQUES OF THE INITIATES" continues as a highlight of Temple activities. The response by those attending to this higher instruction for perfecting the personality has been most gratifying. The class is given each Thursday evening at 8:00 P.M. and repeated the following Monday afternoon at 1:30.

Aspirant Byron C. Fromme, talented young actor of stage, screen and television, has designed and built for us the amazing Cosmo-Color Transformer. The haunting and beautiful color patterns and impressions it creates, combined with our meditations and intonations, have had a truly inspirational effect on those sharing in this experience.

■ With such recent Sunday morning topics as "The 'Birth of the Christ Child' in Us" and "Esoteric Astrology of the Mysteries", our members who have been attending the 11:00 A.M. Sunday service regularly continue pouring out their loving comments. They have found that the cumulative value of the Invocation of the Divine Names and the Qabalistic Chant (Mantra Yoga of the West), together with Rev. Davies' illuminating sermons, have heightened their spiritual understanding and aided them in projecting more powerful healing forces for themselves and others.

■ Artisan Catherine E. Morton held the Initiation ceremony for Los Angeles Pronaos No. One on Tuesday, November 6. This significant ritual, held only once every three months, brought many new members into the activity.

UPON THE MYSTERY OF LIFE



The homing pigeon knows his nest,
The prowling dog his lair,
The wily fox knows where to rest
Safe from the hunter's snare.
But tell, you prophets, if you can,
Where rests the weary soul of Man?

The bees have hives, the ants their hills,
The bears and wolves their dens,
The silv'ry trout his leafy rills,
The wild-fowl wat'ry fens.
But speak, you oracles grim and dread!
Where rests the son of Man his head?

Each star has its appointed place,
The planets proudly sweep
Through orbits of celestial grace,
Their trysts with God to keep.
But say, you wise ones, if you ken,
Whence come, where go, the souls of men?

— F.J.F.

LIGHT

By Harriet B. Case, Grand Cancellaria



"The Light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not."

So reads the first Chapter of the Gospel of St. John. Few men and women have really understood this statement. They have heard it over and over again, and although they may have accepted it intellectually, they have not stopped to contemplate what it really implies.

Jesus, the man, was called Jesus Christ. Another term for Christ was the "Solar Logos". The dictionary defines Logos as "The divine Word expressed in the person of Jesus Christ; the underlying rational principle of the universe." When Jesus declared, "I am the Light of the World", He was not talking about His body, His personality vehicle, but His true Self, the Christ Self within. Which, remember, is the core of each one of us. However, we have not as yet purified and transmuted our vehicles to the point where they are clear and unobstructed vessels radiating the Spiritual Light of the Solar Logos.

Way back in time before recorded history, when the Angels of the Lord, according to tradition, brought the Architypal truth to mankind and taught him how to live and apply this truth, the Sun was worshipped as the symbol of the life-giving force, the Creator. In ancient days in the Andean Temples, and later in Egypt at the times of the great festivals, the invocation of the High Priest was always, "Let the Fire be lighted" or "Let the Light shine".

The aim of man is to realize and attain full comprehension of the eternal light within his being. "Man know thyself"! The real man is truly Divine Light, but his personality is like a dark and more or less opaque shade that in the majority of cases pretty completely blocks out the light of the Higher Self.

Without the physical sun and its warmth and Light, there would be no life, no growth, no beauty. In an earlier age man was psychically responsive to the mystery behind the Sun. But today man's destiny is to attain to an even higher level of awareness, so that man's worship will include the realization that the God of Light and Love is the source of his being. This glorious Light of the Solar Logos which is within us is forever radiating and pulsating Consciousness, Love, Compassion, Life and Wisdom. It is "That which is, was, and ever shall be".

For men to evoke this Spiritual Light which is their true Selfhood, they need first to believe intellectually and/or intuitively that this is so. Then through deep desire and sincere aspiration they must lift their hearts and minds in gratitude and love and praise to the Solar Logos, seeking ever to do the (cont. on next page)

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Will of the Father to the best of their understanding and ability. This outpouring of the heart is spontaneous and easy. The more difficult part comes when we practice the daily, even hourly, self-disciplines necessary for the transmutation of the whole personality so that it may become the clear vessel for the Christ Self to shine through. One of the most difficult things at first is to "remember to remember" that we are Sons and Daughters of God, part of the universal substance -- of which everything is a part, this same Spirit-Matter, Father-Mother, negative-positive, which are ever the two poles of the ONE. It takes practice and will-power to stop an angry, irritated or spiteful thought about another, and to replace it immediately with one of kindness and compassionate understanding, and at the same time be willing to look into one's self and see what were our motivating emotions or our personality weaknesses that allowed us to hold the negative thought and emotion in the first place!

It is by radiating love to all men and creatures, to the whole earth in fact, including the elementals of air and water and earth and fire, of the Devas (nature's spirits) and Angels, as well as the Solar Logos, that the Christ-Consciousness within us is stimulated. To respond to this radiation is very simple. All one needs is to have a simple, loving soul. This inner Light coursing through our veins brings vitality to the blood stream, which in turn perfects the body. Therefore we suggest that you consciously breathe in Life and Light and breathe out Love.

The greater the obstacle the more glory in overcoming it.—Molière.

SPECIAL PREVIEW ANNOUNCEMENT

to

ALL MEMBERS and FRIENDS in the EASTERN U.S.

Rev. Ann Davies, Spiritual Leader of B.O.T.A., who is an advanced Initiate of The Western Mystery School training tradition, is making one of her rare visits to the Eastern Seaboard in April. She will give public lectures in New York City and in Boston on:

"THE AUTHORITATIVE VOICE OF ESOTERIC WISDOM SPEAKS OUT"

Put these dates on your calendar

In New York	TIME:	Saturday night, April 20, at 8:00 P.M.
	PLACE:	Hotel Barbizon Plaza The South Gallery Room - Mezzanine Floor 106 Central Park South - New York, N. Y.
In Boston	TIME:	Sunday afternoon, April 28, at 3:00 P.M.
	PLACE:	Hotel Vendome - Empire Ballroom Commonwealth Ave. at Dartmouth Street Boston, Mass.

BRING A FRIEND! BRING A RELATIVE! BRING YOURSELF!



QUOTATIONS FROM YOUR "LOVE LETTERS" ....

Note:-

On Friday, October 19, we decided to extract the loving comments from just one day's mail to share with you. After opening your letters, we <u>really</u> felt loved. We know you love us, but it is so nice to be told. Thank you.

Oct. 12, 1962

. . . I feel that I would not be in this world if it hadn't been for B.O.T.A.

A.P., No. Little Rock, Ark.

Oct. 12, 1962

. . . Thank you from the bottom of my heart for what you have taught me.

Mr. R.C., Olean, N.Y.

Oct. 15, 1962

. . . All of the lessons have been wonderful and constitute the most powerful course of instructions which I have ever studied. I am truly grateful.

Mr. R.P., Denver, Colo.

Oct. 16, 1962

. . . The work becomes more and more precious to me, and although I am sure I should work much harder at it than I do, it is the most important thing in my life.

Mrs. E.D., W. Palm Bch, Fla.

Oct. 15, 1962

. . . It is said in the lessons that a student becomes a different person after he has received these lessons. Well, I admit fully that you are right.

I am no longer the same person since I started to study with your school. I have a different outlook on life. I have become more tolerant and patient. I feel so uplifted. . . GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

Mr. L.S., Detroit, Mich.

Oct. 13, 1962

. . . The lessons have been instrumental in bringing to focus the thoughts that have long been dormant within myself.

G.R., Butte Co., Calif.

Oct. 16, 1962

. . . The most wonderful thing about B.O.T.A. that I find is ... it expells fear. When you know something is working for you and you are <u>not</u> alone ...you move and think with ease.

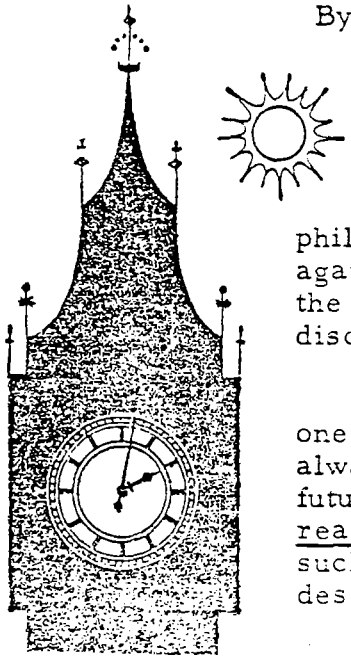
K.W., Hot Springs, Ark.

MEN are tattooed with their special beliefs like so many South Sea Islanders; but a real human heart with divine love in it beats with the same glow under all the patterns of all earth's thousand tribes.—O. W. Holmes.

WE live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart-throbs.
He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.—Philip James Bailey.

TIME

By Felix J. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor



In our last issue, the probability of TIME, which includes the concepts of past, present and future, as my next subject was mentioned. (A review of the previous article is suggested.) It was pointed out that philosophers, scientists and others have warned us repeatedly against accepting the objective reality of Time and Space in the same way as we would a tree or an apple. Even the brief discussion which follows will bring this out.

Picture the present moment as a plane with the past on one side and future on the other. It is a boundary area which always moves forward at a constant rate, transforming the future into the past. But consider the difference between a real plane which, to be real, must have some slight thickness, such as this paper, and an imaginary plane, such as Euclid describes, which exists nowhere but in our heads.

This applies directly to our concept of the present moment. It is a reality which we positively know exists. Nothing is more real to us than the present moment. Hence it must be something more than a mere cleavage or boundary. It must have some extension in a third dimension, i.e., into the past and/or future . . . or there would be no real present moment.

This disposes of the present moment as we usually imagine it to be. In its place, we find ourselves with a slice of a pseudo-real past plastered up against another slice of a non-existent future. Philosophers call this the "specious present" . . . just how specious all this is I leave to your own imagination!

Expanding upon the above, we realize that the past exists nowhere but in our histories and memories. It is a pseudo-reality. And the future certainly does not exist at all except in our imaginations. So the specious present is made up of two non-realities, i.e., some extension into the past and possibly also into the future. So we come up with a slice of just nothing at all! . . . which of course is nonsense, since we well know that the present is definitely something . . . something both tangible (such as an apple) and intangible (such as justice, love, etc.).

Regardless of appearances, which are both necessary and important to us, we must concede from the above argument, and many more which could be presented, that Reality, however we conceive it, must be there all the time, which includes past, present and future. It most certainly cannot just spring in and out of real existence as our time-walk takes us past it.

Saltmarsh tells us: ". . . the proper starting point for any theorizing (about Time) is Change, and not Time at all . . . change of some sort is the fundamental phenomenon from which arises the idea of Time. (Note that he characterizes Time as an idea in mind.) A world in which there was no change whatsoever would be a timeless world."

According to many philosophers and deep thinkers, both Time and Space are inventions which we have perforce accepted to accomodate our observations of Reality and Change . . . Space in which to put Things, and Time in which to put Change. (Cont. on next page)

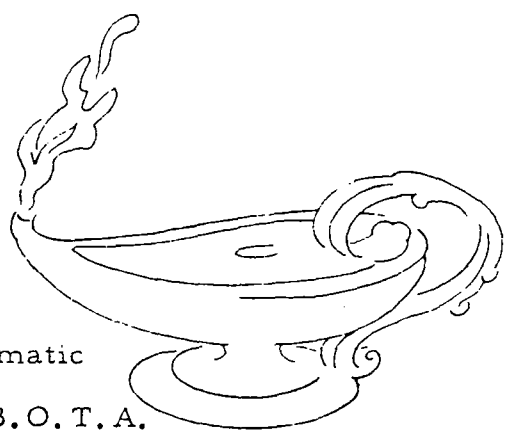
TIME (Cont.)

As Plato has told us, Reality in our normal mental states can do no more than cast shadows on the walls of our consciousness. And were it not for the superconscious mental states (which are not so uncommon as usually believed), we would be stuck, as indeed materialistic thinkers are stuck, with the above paradox and many more. But in these higher states of mind, which have been described and documented by William James, Raynor C. Johnson, and others, not to mention a host of mystics, these paradoxes and incomprehensibilities disappear. Even space and time often disappear, and we come face to face with supernal realities which unfortunately do not lend themselves to representation in language. They can only be individually experienced, and quite a few of our philosophers and scientists are coming to this realization. Even our approaches to Reality can only be fully understood in the superconscious states.

It is for this reason that the Adepts of the Inner School designed methods of mental training to enable aspirants to perceive Realities directly without the intermediary processes of sense perception. Several of the Grand Chiefs of our Order have achieved this direct perception.

WHOSO DRAWS NIGH TO GOD ONE STEP THROUGH DOUBTINGS DIM,
GOD WILL ADVANCE A MILE IN BLAZING LIGHT TO HIM.

THE PURPOSE OF PRONAOS



Much of our work on the Path of Return is aimed at extending intellectual awareness and understanding into an emotional awareness that can effect all levels of our being. Ceremonial magic has long been known in the mystery schools as a most dynamic means of invoking such reponses.

Our ritualistic work in Pronaos utilizes this dramatic image-in-motion method to aid aspirants in creating symbology of the most effective type. We urge all B.O.T.A. members who live in areas where Pronaos groups have been established to participate in this important training.

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"Try to be one of the people on whom nothing is lost." HENRY JAMES



THE PERSONAL TOUCH

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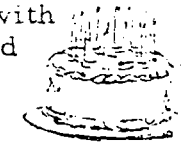


On October 25 the COLOR AND SOUND CLASS really measured up to its name! There was color in the form of costumes of every description, and delightful sound in the form of vocal and organ renditions from the entertainment committee. The occasion was a Halloween Party held after the lecture. Members were advised to costume themselves as to what they thought they had been, what they would like to have been, or what they were afraid they had been in a previous incarnation. We had everything from a Golden-winged Angel to a Gold-Rush Madam!



Before the lecture began, Mr. Felix Frazer read a solemn announcement from Rev. Davies informing everyone that, due to her position as head of the Order, she felt she must not appear in costume, but only as what she really is. Laughter rippled through the Temple when she then glided in as a golden-winged angel, complete with harp.

If Rev. Davies surprised the party by appearing as her "true self", she was surprised in return when refreshment time arrived. Someone had found out that her birthday fell on the following Sunday, and a huge birthday cake with the High Priestess in the middle was brought in. Several lovely gifts and happy birthday wishes were then bestowed upon our delighted Prolocutor General.





We feel that this class really took to heart the advice in our last ADYTUM NEWS NOTES about enjoying the glorious "dance of life". This fun-filled occasion was truly an expression of Divine play and relaxation.



ILLUSION

Come, scale the highest peak with me,
Come, sound the depths of the deepest sea.
Then reach to the uttermost limits of space . . .
As far as Time can span the race
Of Man; All has been illusion.
This life, we think, we feel, we see,
But a dream that is dreamed by you and me.
When we wake to the real and Face to Face . . .
Know Height and Depth and Time and Space
Pierce the veil of this illusion.
We are borne with the dawn, on a rising tide,
To reach that Silence where the Word doth abide.
Illusion's veil, by that Holy Flame
Is burned away and we know His Name
As we kneel at the foot of His Throne!

--By Fellow Builder Catherine Burke.

TEMPLE PROFILES (2)

Continuing our series of profile backgrounds of those who serve you at the Temple of Tarot and Holy Qabalah, we are happy to introduce Harriet B. Case, widow of our founder, Dr. Paul Foster Case, who holds the positions of Grand Cancellaria and Executive Secretary of Builders of the Adytum.



REV. HARRIET B. CASE
GRAND CANCELLARIA

Harriet B. Case, our beloved Grand Cancellaria and widow of our illustrious Founder, comes from a long line of American aristocrats. Born with a silver spoon in her mouth and enveloped in social register luxuries, such as a French governess, linguistic education, private finishing school, foreign travel, and the like, she managed, like Prince Gautama, to escape at an early age from the monetized and conventionalized ideologies of her class into the humble, but more spiritually rewarding, levels of service to her fellow men. The only trace remaining of her early life is the ineradicable imprint of her innate ladyship and culture.

The first call for service to humanity came during World War I and clashed heavily with her desire to continue her studies in the arts, particularly sculpture. The world renowned sculptor, Alexander Archipenko, under whom she studied, considered her one of his most talented pupils, and only those who have given up a promising career in the arts can realize what it cost her emotionally to serve in France during the war torn years of 1916-17 with the Durea War Relief.

Returning to America after the Allied victory, she attempted to resume her social life and artistic studies, and later married Capt. Louis Paget, flying ace of the RAF. But the early zest for the more worldly pursuits had been burned out in the crucible of war, which at the same time distilled in the recesses of her being the burning desire to learn more and more of the spiritual nature of mankind, and to help other aspirants along the arduous Path of Return.

By this time she was knee-deep in metaphysical studies of both the East and West, including many years with the Arcane School. But she still found time to be a loving wife to her husband and a devoted mother to her two children. In the fullness of time, she lost her husband, and her children grew up. Guided by the Master R, she discovered in the B.O.T.A. teachings the high road it was her destiny to travel. This brought Dr. Case and Harriet Paget together and ignited the divine spark which shortly made them man and wife.

Plunging whole-heartedly into her husband's work, she became his inspiration, as well as ours, who have learned to love her as much for her glowing heart as for her inspired counseling and spiritual guidance, which for so many years have gone out in her letters and other services to the troubled thousands who have sought shelter and comfort beneath the spreading wings of our Order.

Of the many treasures which the Master R has brought to B.O.T.A., one of the most cherished is Harriet B. Case. It is a high privilege to serve with her.

Let us not rest upon the virtue of our ancestors; let us be persons of worth ourselves.—French maxim

A CASE HISTORY FROM OUR FILES

Jan. 11, 1962

Dear B.O.T.A.

I want all of you to know how privileged I feel to be a member of our wonderful organization. This teaching has made a great difference in my outlook on life.

There is, however, one problem I would like your help in solving. It is simply that I am lonely. If there were someone to talk to and discuss this inspirational work with occasionally, it would help so much. I am past middle age and have been a widow for about ten years. I see my grown children rarely, and most of my old friends have died. In this small conventional town, I don't suppose there are any other B.O.T.A. members, but I would appreciate it if you would check. Perhaps one of them is looking for a friend, too.



C.L.S.

Jan. 19, 1962

Dear C.L.S.

I checked our files and found, as you suspected, that we do not have any other members in your home town. May I suggest that you find us some? There are always so many who suffer the poignant sorrow of loneliness. I am certain that in your town others live alone, or perhaps with relatives, and feel rejected and unwanted. You, with the wisdom and understanding that these lessons have given you, should go in search of these lonely ones, and alleviate their unhappiness with friendliness and warmth. There is no hunger in the human heart so compelling as the need for acceptance and love. Look for neighbors and acquaintances who seem to be on the sidelines of life and let them feel that you are interested in their ideas, their troubles and their dreams. As you lighten their loneliness, you will find that you are no longer lonely.

Do not try to interest them in B.O.T.A. at first. Use discrimination, as Tarot Key No. 6 symbolizes, and you will find that people reveal their readiness for illumination by an open-mindedness to new ideas, a need for self-contemplation, and a desire to know more about the inner meaning of life. When you feel you have found someone who is ready, tell him or her about B.O.T.A. and what it has meant to you. You will be helping us to spread the Light, and finding yourself a friend of like interests at the same time.

Soror A

Dec. 15, 1962

Dear Soror A,

How can I begin to thank you! It was less than a year ago that I wrote you of my loneliness. I did as you suggested and became a sympathetic listener and friend to many people whom I had avoided or known only casually before. You were so right! Many of them were as lonely as I, and just as shy to make the first move toward real friendliness. With your encouragement I approached them with love and understanding. The response was amazing! Immediately my life

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A CASE HISTORY (Cont.)



became fuller. About four months ago I realized that one of these women was seeking enlightenment. Though she had a brilliant mind, she was bewildered and dissatisfied with orthodox teachings. So I told her about B.O.T.A. She is now a fellow aspirant and dearly cherished friend.

As a wonderful bonus, I am now engaged to a widower who felt life was over for him until he met me. I will be writing you again soon to ask you to change the name on my membership card and convert it to a duo.

C.L.S.

Dec. 27, 1962

Dear C. L. S.

We are overjoyed at your new found happiness. I wonder if we are not missing out on an important auxiliary service to our members? With the many people who have found mates by practicing B.O.T.A. methods, maybe we should open a Qabalistic Marriage Bureau!!!!!!??????

Soror A

Solitude is as needful to the imagination
as society is wholesome for the character.
—James Russell Lowell.

SPECIAL NOTICE - All NEW YORK and vicinity B.O.T.A. members:

Rev. Ann Davies will attend the New York Pronaos No. 101 on Thursday, April 18, and Thursday, April 25. At these meetings she will train all initiated Pronaons in the potent Qabalistic Mantras, which utilize intonations of Divine Names, and she also will introduce an esoteric healing ritual which has been used with amazing results by our Los Angeles Pronaos. We strongly urge members who wish to be eligible for this important training to apply for initiation into Pronaos as soon as possible in order to have the value of this personal contact with our spiritual leader. For further details, contact . . . Mayo Fernandez, 440 East 81st St., New York 28, N. Y. Remember, only active B.O.T.A. members in good standing may participate in Pronaos.

SPECIAL NOTICE - All BOSTON and vicinity B.O.T.A. members:

During Rev. Ann Davies visit to Boston in April she will charter a new Pronaos in that area. At the present time we have a study group active there, which is headed by Mr. Charles Barbour as co-representative and Miss Pierrette De Lys as teacher. We ask that all B.O.T.A. members who wish to have the privilege of being initiated as charter members of the Boston Pronaos contact Mr. Barbour, P. O. Box 84, W. Roxbury, Mass. or Miss De Lys, 175 Tremont St., Room 313, Boston, Mass. as soon as possible before Rev. Davies visit in April. Remember, only active B.O.T.A. members in good standing may be initiated into Pronaos.

THE ORIGINS OF THE UNIVERSE

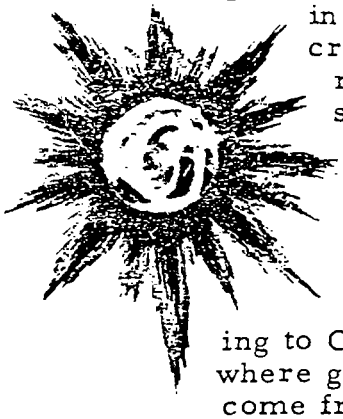
By Catherine E. Morton, Artisan of Pronaos No. 1



Until recent times, and in few fields, has the orthodox view so strongly opposed Qabalistic teaching as in that branch of astronomy which treats of the origins of the universe, cosmogony; and in few has Qabalistic teaching been so dramatically upheld by recent discoveries.

The Mystery Schools of the West have traditionally held that (paralleling involution on the Inner Planes) the physical universe expands from a point of concentration, rendering down energy into successively denser matter - galaxies, stars, and planets; and that the Primal Will which initiated this process eternally creates and sustains the universe (see Pattern on the Trestleboard, No. 1).

Astronomers today are largely divided into two opposing schools of thought, each emphasizing part of the esoteric doctrine, the "continuous creation" school, led by Fred Hoyle, and the "big bang" or "cosmic egg" school of Canon Lemaitre and George Gamow.



According to the latter view, all that makes up the universe originally existed in the form of a highly compressed ovoid mass. When the incredible radiation pressures within this concentrated "egg" reached a critical point, it exploded its material throughout space, where it gradually condensed into galaxies of stars, still receding from the center and each other under the impetus of the original explosion. The observed shift of light from distant stars toward the red end of the spectrum has been held to support this theory, indicating as it does, the rapid recession of these stars. But this theory leaves two important questions unanswered: Why has the universe not emptied (even according to Gamow's figures, it has had ample time to expand to the point where galaxies are mutually invisible), and where did the original "egg" come from?

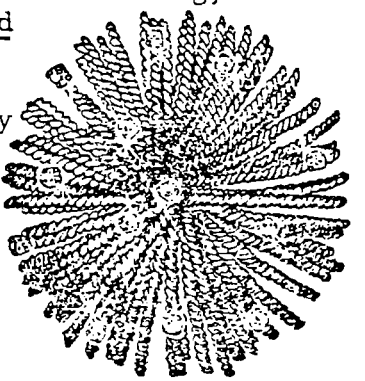
A new theory regarding the cause of the "red shift" seems to strike down the strongest supporting evidence for the "big bang" school. Dr. P. F. Browne of the British National Physical Laboratory has recently suggested that the apparent shift in color of light from very distant stars is due to the light being partially absorbed by the universe in its passage through space . . . this energy lost by the light reappearing as matter in a universe which is not expanding, but self-supporting and in a steady state.

Browne's theory is strong support for the view upheld by Fred Hoyle, who postulates the continuous appearance of new matter and energy within the universe. The apparent flaws in his theory were: Where does the new matter come from? What then causes the "red shift"? What happens to matter (cont. on next page)

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that has reached complete entropy, i.e., no more available energy, in accordance with the laws of thermodynamics? Is the universe, then not all of the same approximate age? Although Dr. Browne's new theory would eliminate two of these questions, the others remain.

Note how Qabalistic doctrine reconciles these two schools of thought, each of which contains part of the whole. By occultists, the universe is held to fold and unfold, involve and evolve, in great cycles, called by the Eastern Tradition "the nights and days of Braham". At the beginning of a cycle, matter and energy burst out of the "cosmic egg", creating the universe that is sustained for the duration of the cycle by the continuous appearance of matter formed from the light energy dissipated in space, as Browne suggests. This ever growing mass of matter gradually forces the space-time continuum to contract (for the gravitational reasons given in my first article, Adytum News-Notes April, 1962), and slowly the point of compression is reached at which we have another "cosmic egg". Such a reconciliation of both theories is receiving increasing acceptance from those astronomers and physicists who recognize the incapacity of either alone to solve the great question.



For the Qabalist, its truth may easily be demonstrated: As above, so below. Such a cycle of concentration, spiral diffusion, and gradual increase in density to the point where the Path of Return must be taken is implicit in the theory and symbolism of the Tree of Life.

For those who would like to read an astronomy book written by a physicist who is also obviously an occultist of the Western Tradition, may I recommend "The Inhabited Universe" by Kenneth W. Gatland, published in paperback by Premier Books, Fawcett Publications, Inc.



TAROT KEY 3 -- THE EMPRESS

O loveliness come forth from me in words
Springing from out thy fount of wisdom rare,
Words sparkling like the dew of early dawn
Or glowing with the fire of precious gems,
Rubies and emeralds, sapphires, milk-white pearls,
Let beauty be reflected in these words
And harmony from out pure nature's realm,
Let all of life sing its wild song through me
So that I may become naught but vibrating chords
Which echo on into eternity.

Above received in meditation by Constance Jonniaux, Companion Builder.

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ARE YOU SUGGESTIBLE?

By The Rev. Ann Davies, Prolocutor General



Both modern and Qabalistic psychology are in agreement regarding the suggestibility of subconsciousness. Various metaphysical and occult schools of thought teach their followers special methods of auto-suggestion, aimed at using the subconscious powers for predetermined purposes. On the other hand, modern advertising is used by commercial enterprises in order to "manifest" larger sales of their products. Both direct and indirect suggestion is used to impress your subconsciousness with the greater desirability or absolute necessity of the particular item in question. A "battle royal" is continuously in progress, aimed at controlling your subconscious mind.

The law of suggestion is being used to sway people into particular fanatical political camps and social ideologies with the "holier than thou" drumbeating that charges the emotions with hatred in the name of righteous indignation.

THE OCCULT ASPIRANT CANNOT AFFORD TO BE PULLED INTO SUCH MURKY ATMOSPHERE! Nor can he afford to be an automatic response mechanism to these cunning forces . . . a puppet for the power drives of unevolved souls.

An important part of preparation for true Spiritual Awareness is cleansing the subconsciousness of its past conditionings, and standing guard over our personal consciousness, so that only that which is in harmony with our true goals will be permitted entrance. The more highly evolved the soul, the stronger is its Individuality. The stronger the Individuality, the less prone is it to being influenced by the forces of the unevolved . . . the mass mind spirit which masquerades as the savior of man, whether it be through a soap, a toothpaste, multi-gadgeted car, or a system of hate calling itself loving names.

Your subconscious mind has been receiving impressions and suggestions . . . conditionings . . . since you were born, and even before that. This deeper mind colors everything you see. If, for example, you have been (cont. on next page)

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conditioned to hate or fear a cat . . . YOU ARE BEING CHEATED! Why? Because you are unable to form the miracle of a constructive relationship with a wondrous creature. You cannot know the loveliness of stroking its soft fur, feel the wonder of its purring vibrations, charm to the delight of its personality. If you have been conditioned to be suspicious of the opposite sex, dislike a race other than your own, feel repelled by a specific food item . . . you are locked away from expanding experiences. This is worse than being in prison. It is a confinement of the soul steeped in illusion. That charming remark, "My mind is made up. Don't confuse me with the facts.", is illustrative of the frozen state of awareness resulting from subconscious fixations.

To the degree that we hold unwholesome negative patterns in subconsciousness . . . to the same degree are we incapable of living truly creative lives. We are unable to form happy and fulfilling relationships in our personal, commercial and spiritual environment.

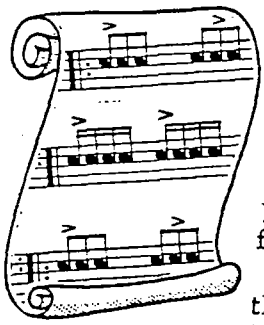
LIBERATION is one of the words used for the experience of permanent Cosmic Consciousness. In B.O.T.A. we use the Tarot to help us to liberate ourselves from the primitive . . . the regressive . . . the outmoded . . . the nonsense. The basement of subconsciousness is gradually cleansed of those elements that our previous immaturity (as souls) permitted into our inner house of Life, and the positive suggestions of the Tarot imagery strengthens our ability to stand firm . . . inviolate . . . secure in ever growing attainment of perfected Individuality and Spiritual Awareness.

From that center of TRUE SELFHOOD the universe is seen as it IS! The negative colorings of subconsciousness cleansed . . . the pure in heart see God . . . and love walks with us thenceforth, personally and universally, into the Eternal Now.

I AM glad that I paid so little attention to good advice; had I abided by it I might have been saved from some of my most valuable mistakes.

—Gene Fowler, *Skyline* (Viking)

THANK-YOU NOTES



Do you remember the lovely poem "Giving Thanks" written by Ann Davies and presented to you on our Thanksgiving greeting card? It has been set to exquisite music by our talented organist Marjorie Begley. At Christmas time we were treated to a beautiful rendition of this song by our beloved member Charlene Washburn, who is a professional television and radio singer. We wish to express our love and thanks to these two immensely talented Sorores for bringing so much beauty to the Temple. At a future date we expect to have this song available in record form. In the meantime, those wishing a hand drawn score for piano or organ may send for copies at $2.00 each. . . . . Charlene Washburn also has graciously accepted Chairmanship of our Entertainment Committee. We know what wonderful entertainment we may now expect, judging from the delightful Valentine Day party. (See The Personal Touch). . . . . As there is no end to this girl's talent, we further wish to thank our lovely Charlene, together with her charming mother, Bonnie Schoolcraft, for creating sparkling Color cards, which beautifully enhance the effects of our Color and Sound meditations.

THE PROBLEM OF SUPPLY

By Harriet B. Case, Grand Cancellaria

Every month we receive letters in regard to this problem, asking our prayers and help. So I shall set down a few basic principles which I hope will enable the sincere aspirant to solve this problem of lack of supply.

First, try to realize that you <u>are</u> a part of God, the One Life. The Christ Self is the very core of your being, and at the same time "In Him we live and have our being" as was said by St. Paul. This eternal power, love, and wisdom is not afar off. It is omnipresent and omnipotent and can be contacted as easily as when a housewife plugs in her electric iron, vacuum cleaner, or radio, knowing that the power will flow, accomplishing the work that needs to be done. She holds the expectation of success . . . the faith or trust that the need will be fulfilled.

God is the intelligence of the universe, the love of the universe, the Ever Present Spirit that created, maintains, and supplies the universe. He is the very substance of all things. Say to yourself: "Where I am, God is, and God's love is forever enfolding me. He is the source of my being and my supply."

Second, we must try to adopt the attitude that we are rich, and <u>feel rich</u>. For we are rich in countless ways, if we will but stop to think about it. We must give abundantly of our love, our good will and service to others.



Third, we must lift up our hearts daily in gratitude to God for the blessings we have received. Gratitude for the gift of life itself. For the gift of sight and hearing, of speech and the ability to walk, to use our hands, for the conscious awareness of beauty and wisdom and the great potential which we have within us. We must know deep down within us that our needs are already fulfilled and that in due time they will be manifested. St. Mathew, Chap. 21, verse 22, says: "And all things whatsoever ye ask, believing, ye shall receive." The important word there is "believing". Also, Matthew, Chap. 6, verse 8, says: ". . . for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask Him." God is our only source of supply and bounty, no matter what means or channels are used to fill our needs on this plane of manifestation. However, the majority of people do not realize this. They cut themselves off from their source of supply by their false sense of separateness from the universal Life-power by lack of trust, by fear, and worry, as well as lack of gratitude and the expectation of good.

Pray that your <u>needs</u> be fulfilled. Not for money. We heard of a man who prayed and visualized lots of "money" in his hands. He got a job as a bank teller. Plenty of money passed through his hands, but it was not his. Another case, far sadder, was that of a man who also visualized and prayed for plenty of money. He shortly received many thousands of dollars, but it was the life-insurance money from a policy his son had had made out in his father's name.

Another suggestion is that you repeat and <u>know</u> in your heart that the statements of the Pattern on the Trestleboard are basic and true. Look at the Magician, Key 1, and picture yourself like him, holding up your right arm and hand to the eternal source of supply and feeling it flow down into you, letting (continued on next page)

THE PROBLEM OF SUPPLY (cont.)

it flow into your daily life and affairs. Also look at Key 10, the Wheel of Fortune, which is associated with Jupiter, the planet of benevolence, bounty and expansion.

Remember, too, that it is often through limitations and restrictions that we develop our skills, our inner strength, our understanding and Soul growth. We, as personalities, have to be tested and tried before we can be entrusted to use justly and with discrimination the powers that are potentially ours as individual units of the ONE SELF.

The Key ideas to keep in mind then are:

Realization of unity with the Divine Source.

Daily gratitude and praise.

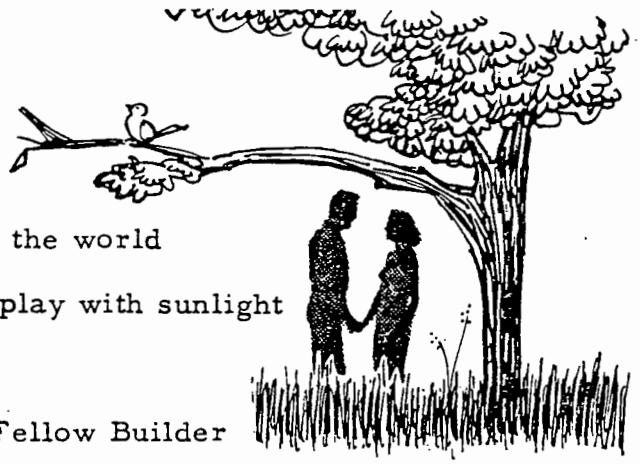
The feeling of being rich.

The expectancy of good and success.

The transmutation of fear and worry into acceptance and trust in the Divine plan for your life.



AND HEAVEN IS HERE ALWAYS



Whether it be a tree standing tall and green
In the sun and the rain;
Or a little sparrow chirping praise
To God all day;
Or a little child spilling over its laughter to the world
While at play;
Or the hand clasp of a friend when shadows play with sunlight
Across our way;
We know again that heaven is here always.

— Yolanda Harris, Fellow Builder

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TAROT KEY 5 -- HIEROPHANT



Hold my mind steady O thou link with God
So that thy wisdom pouring from on high
May penetrate and hold my wandering thoughts.
Speak to me clearly so that my listening ear
May hear the truth that cometh from my soul.
Priest of the Highest, hold me close to thee
And lead me thus into eternity.

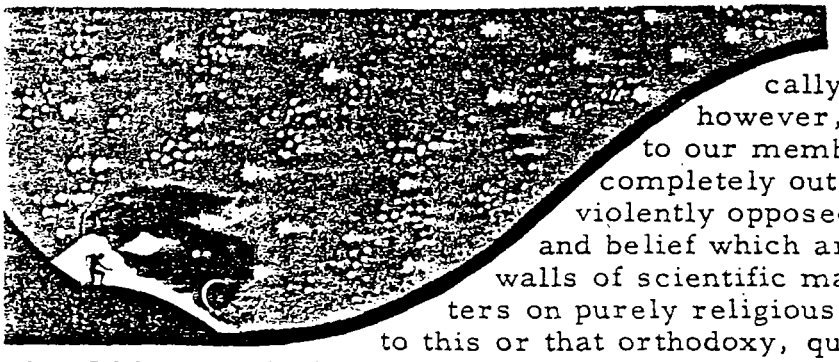


You need not seek me
O child of mine,
For I am with you, in you, part and all of you.
Take down the barriers,
Fears and doubts and qualms,
Simply accept and I will enter in
And you will know me throughout all your being.

Received in meditation by Constance Jonniaux, Companion Builder.

SCIENTIFIC MATERIALISM

By Felix J. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor



We address ourselves in these pages, obviously, to metaphysically minded people. It often happens, however, that relatives and friends close to our members are materially minded, i.e., completely out of sympathy, and sometimes violently opposed, to all matters of observation and belief which are not confined within the narrow walls of scientific materialism. Aside from dissenters on purely religious grounds, i.e., those conditioned to this or that orthodoxy, quite a few base their objections to what I like to call the unseen worlds on the grounds that experiments made, and observations taken, in these non-material areas are either faulty or spurious. They fail to realize that the material universe, from stars to microbes and everything in between, is but one aspect of Reality, and certainly not the only one.

The disciplines of science should not, indeed cannot, be confined to this one aspect. Given a wider scope of application, these same disciplines, suitably adapted to subtler researches and methods, can reveal even broader and higher areas of Reality than any so far brought into view on the material plane. Thus to base one's philosophy of life solely on the material aspect of things . . . i.e., aspects cognized by the senses and their instrumental extension . . . is to live in a high-walled prison, no matter how well furnished and comfortable it may be.

Many people live out their lives in this prison confined by the bars of "common sense" which they mistakenly apply to uncommon events and their implications, events which are nonetheless real for their uncommonness. This is because they quite arbitrarily and unnecessarily limit the play of their intellects within the imprisoning walls of scientific materialism. Science itself can fly as high as a man's mind can reach, since in essence it is no more than a method of thinking, a discipline of procedure. It should not be invoked, as is so often the case, to hold us within the walls of materialism. Scientific materialism bestows many material blessings upon us, but through its misapplication and invasion of areas of our thinking and acting where it neither applies nor belongs, it has dealt us many a blow to our higher aspirations and spiritual evolution.

I do not stand alone with these thoughts. A. N. Whitehead tells us that: "Scientific materialism . . . is an assumption which I shall challenge as being entirely unsuited to the scientific (knowledgeable) situation at which we have now arrived." Gregory and Kohson tell us: "Science as a discipline is magnificent and indispensable; as a belief system, it is disastrous." Raynor C. Johnson rings the bell with: "It cannot be overemphasized that physics, like every other branch of science, selects and abstracts its data from a greater whole."

Many good minds are now sounding warnings along these lines. Materialism and common sense can take us only just so far . . . certainly not all the way. Scientists and others who run afoul of the materialistic pitfall are but prejudiced evaders little better than their forebears who refused to look through telescopes, burned books, and took violent action against dissenters from established orthodoxies. Such attitudes certainly cannot be called scientific, since they involve rejection, and often derision, of many careful experiments and precise observations made by highly intelligent and qualified people. (Continued on next page.)

SCIENTIFIC MATERIALISM (cont.)

These thoughts are not solely relevant to Man and his humanities. The unseen worlds, and all the immensities that they imply, pertain just as much to the physical world and universe around us as they do to ourselves. A good analogy is the steamer sailing past an iceberg at an imagined safe distance. Only one third of the berg is seen from the bridge, but the two thirds which lie below the surface has sunk many a good ship.

The above thoughts, backed up by precise observations, can be voluminously documented from the writings and researches of many distinguished people in both science and philosophy. Other writings of mine when published will discuss these matters in considerable detail.

THERE can be no conflict between science and religion. Science is a reliable method of finding truth. Religion is the search for a satisfying way of life. Science is growing; yet a world that has science needs, as never before, the inspiration that religion offers. —Arthur H. Compton, physicist

I do not know what I may appear to the world, but to myself I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the seashore, diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me.

—Sir Isaac Newton, mathematician



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We ask all B.O.T.A. members who wish to become charter members in this soon-to-be-established Pronaos to contact either of the following persons before Rev. Davies' visit on April 27: Charles Barbour, P.O. Box 84, W. Roxbury 32, Mass., or Miss Pierrette De Lys, 175 Tremont St., Room 313, Boston, Mass.

TEMPLE PROFILES (3)

This profile has been written by Helen Miller, our Managing Editor, who was present at the first meeting that took place between Dr. Case and Ann Davies twenty years ago. An intimate association has continued unbrokenly since that time, giving Mrs. Miller an unusual qualification for the profile that follows.



REV. ANN DAVIES PROLOCUTOR GENERAL

One of our staff members has said: "I don't see how you can do a proper profile of Ann Davies. She has an intangible essence and quality of soul which would be impossible to portray in words." The rest of us agree with this statement. Nevertheless, we will at least try to give you a few sketchy extracts from her unusual background.

Cosmic Consciousness, which so many consider the ultimate goal, was an every night occurance to Ann Davies as a child. Furthermore, even at the age of five, she was able to distinguish this state of Infinite Bliss - Love - Peace, from other types of consciousness. She knew that she had three states of awareness. She considered the waking and Cosmic states as real, and the dream state as unreal.

Thus, almost from the day she was born, the life of Ann Davies has been one of intensive preparation for assuming her role as Spiritual Leader of B.O.T.A. This preparation included a childhood of rejection, sorrow, and indescribable pain, as well as the consciousness of Infinite Love, which helped to sustain her through these ordeals.

Actually, the groundwork for this role goes back even further. Three incarnations ago she met our Master R, and her training as his personal disciple began. Her next incarnation made her poignantly aware of the sad position of women in the 18th century world. Then, in her last incarnation she was one of the pioneers in the American movement that fought for equality and human rights for all. She was noted in this period for her amazing power as a public speaker, which ability she brought with her into this present lifetime, as all who have heard her lecture will agree.

The strengthening of soul through pain and near death came to her once in adolescence and again in young womanhood. At fifteen, a lingering illness of several years duration brought her to the point where doctors gave her only a few hours to live. Then a sudden miraculous influx of Supersensory Perception brought an instantaneous recovery, to the utter bewilderment of medical science. Her other experience with suffering at twenty-one was even more intense and tragic. For four months she was in complete and excruciating agony in an ill-staffed and negligent hospital. The physical torture at one period became so intense that she was enveloped in a state of Infinite Pain . . . identity with beginningless, endless pain. Again at the point of death, a Miracle brought her back to her body. But the illness and neglect left her incapacitated for several years, a condition that those close to her rarely noticed because it was so overshadowed by the impact of her glowing, magnetic aliveness.

Much of her education came through private tutoring, due (cont. on next page)

to the many years of her youth spent in hospitals. Always her teachers were overwhelmed by the wisdom and perception she displayed for her age. She had a driving need to know. From early youth she read and studied everything she could find on contemporary and ancient religions, philosophies, and psychological thought. She was also an avid student of the natural sciences, with the study of astronomy and anthropology particular passions of hers. This developed her outstanding natural intellectual capacities to a state of erudition seldom found in a mystic. Paul Case never ceased to praise Ann Davies' extraordinary combination of intellectual perception, scientific objectivity, and mystical awareness.

It was in 1943, after passing a series of stringent spiritual tests, that the Master R brought Ann Davies to Dr. Case, where an instantaneous recognition took place between them. She was then initiated into the Inner Mysteries of Western Occultism. Those of us who have watched this spiritual drama unfold since that time have seen in Ann Davies a flame of devotion and dedication rarely equalled. Despite her disability (she was then on crutches, which she later threw away), she labored fourteen hours a day at varityping, typing, mimeographing, assembling, collating, folding, numbering, and all the other multitudinous tasks required to keep the lessons flowing to the aspirants. She kept records, did the bookkeeping, took care of correspondence, corrected tests, and gave council. During this period there was very little money and very little help, so these tasks, and more, were entirely in her hands. With all these outstanding qualities, perhaps her most endearing characteristic is her irrepressible sense of humor, which awakens laughter as well as love in all who come within the sphere of her influence.

These tests of devotion, work, and humility were a preparation for the staggering responsibility that was soon to be hers. In time, the miracle of projecting love and awakening various degrees of Cosmic Consciousness in others, even as Rama Krishna did to his beloved disciple Vivekananda, was entrusted to her. She is able to awaken supersensory awareness of love and unity in those who have prepared themselves for this state of grace.

Because of her dual experiences of Infinite Love and Infinite Sorrow, and her direct knowledge of the Unity of all creatures, her life has been dedicated to serve humanity. She will tell you this was not a personal decision, but an inner compulsion from her Higher Soul to help lighten the pain of the world.



CHANT TO THE INEFFABLE

Soft . . . so soft the breeze upon my cheek!
Is it the breath of the Beloved?
Is it your Voice I hear,
Are you the Dawn I see?

Soft . . . so soft the washings of my soul;
You throb within my heart,
Your flowing emanations . . . permeate . . .
Abide in me.

— Ann Davies

A LETTER FROM AN ADVANCED MEMBER . . . .

November 19, 1962

Dear Rev. Davies,

For nearly four years I've been a member of B.O.T.A. . . . Not only do I wish to express my deep thankfulness for beginning with B.O.T.A., but to Dr. Paul Foster Case, you, and all the Fellow Builders who have made these lessons possible and available.

My search for Understanding began about twenty years ago. Even after starting with B.O.T.A., I looked into two or three different Groups . . . but none could answer the questions that almost seared my heart with their intensity. Everyone asks one to take on faith unanswerable problems. Not so B.O.T.A. For step by step, gently - yet so firmly - one's footsteps are led into more complex, yet paradoxically clearer, answers to every question, every need . . . Each lesson contains a height and depth of expression . . .

Naturally, studying alone, I've either missed or been unable to solve certain aspects of each Course. Yet overall, the picture - the Path - grows clearer. I grow more serene - surer of the Goal ahead - and it fills me with unutterable joy. As I wrote Mrs. Case, in a thousand years I could never do full justice to every Course to date, to the "Book of Tokens" and "The Kybalion". There is just too much to absorb in each, to learn in one earth life.

Now I come to the second part of this letter -- it concerns Dr. Paul Foster Case. Many times in the past years I've shaken my head in admiration, wonder and awe at all the background research that has gone into the formation of each Course. What manner of man was this to compile these Lessons in such clarity and concisement? Such beauty of words? Such heights and depths of revelation? More and more often I've longed to know this wonderful man. Until, now, I can no longer control the need to know. What was he like? Where did he come from and how did he start these studies or continue another's works? What and when was the beginning of B.O.T.A.? A Master he surely is, but the earth-self. . . what of him? Perhaps, Rev. Davies, instead of answering these questions for the benefit of just one member, you might consider devoting space in the ADYTUM NEWS NOTES for all the other members too far from Los Angeles to attend the Temple and learn more of the background of Dr. Case.



In humble gratitude to Dr. Case, you, and all the Fellow Builders at the Temple,

I am, In L.V.X.

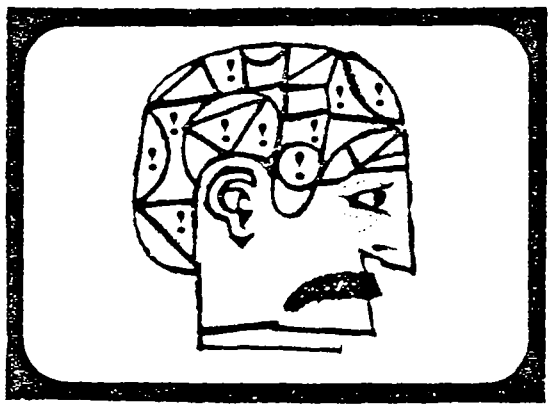
(signed) Genevieve R. Larson

Editor's note: We are pleased to announce that our Cameo Profile in the next issue of ADYTUM NEWS NOTES will be devoted to the life and works of our beloved founder, Dr. Paul Foster Case.

By their fruits ye shall know them.
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THE MIND'S TRUE NATURE

By Catherine E. Morton, Artisan of Pronaos No. 1



Fundamental in Qabalistic doctrine is its teaching regarding human consciousness, i.e., that it is threefold; that besides the normal reasoning self-consciousness, we include and are influenced deeply by an instinctual subconscious level that forms part of the Universal Subconsciousness, and also by a higher level of consciousness eternally aware of its own immortality and divinity.

To achieve realization of consciousness on other levels than the physical, the Qabalist places great emphasis on proper direction and control of Kundalini, the creative serpent of fire that lies coiled at the base of the spine. In the mass of humanity, Kundalini provides the sex force, and it was in revealing the tremendous effect of misapplication and distortion of this force that Sigmund Freud created the science of psychology and the art of psychoanalysis. Unfortunately, Freud's cases were all pathologies; and, not being free from neuroses in this area himself, he became obsessed with sex as the prime and basic drive to the exclusion of all else. There have been occult groups that fell into the same error. Kundalini is the Fire of Life, and there is an admonition not to play with fire.



Repudiating Freud's overemphasis, his disciple Carl Jung, who paid great attention and tribute to occult teaching in his work, considered the motivation of the human personality to be four-fold: The herd instinct, the self-preservation instinct, the creative instinct, and, as the crown and synthesis of them all, the religious instinct.

Jung discovered in his "collective unconscious" of the race (and what a Qabalistic phrase that is!) archetypal images, readily evoked from the individual under light hypnosis, such as the Great Mother, the Old Man bearing light, the Lovers under the Tree, etc., that correspond with startling accuracy to the Major Arcana of the Tarot, confirming the teaching of the Mystery Schools as to the origin and purpose of the Major Keys.

Jung's discovery of the subconscious (i.e., astral) Animus (soul, masculine) in women and Anima (soul, feminine) in men is equally significant. Occult doctrine holds that our vehicles for various degrees of consciousness, of which the physical body is the visible one, have complementary polarities. Thus to use the terminology of gender, inaccurate though it be, the astral vehicle of a man is feminine, of a woman, masculine.

Note, too, how well Jung's four drives correspond to the Qabalistic descriptions of consciousness: to Sephiroth Yesod (the herd instinct, the Great Sea), to Hod (self-preservation, self-awareness), to Netzach (the creative instinct) which forms the personality, and to Tiphareth (the eternal longing) by which it is overshadowed.

Psychology developed in an intensely rationalistic period, and to some it has seemed to reduce all thought, emotions, dreams, and visions to biochemical reactions and subneural impulses. To the contrary! In the hands of a master, it has empirically verified the ancient teachings of the composite nature of humanity, and given each back again his or her soul to know and to experience.

A CASE HISTORY FROM OUR FILES

Feb. 20, 1962

Dear B.O.T.A.

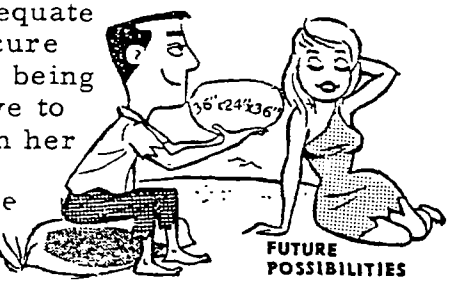
I joined this organization just a few weeks ago and already I need help badly. I am probably one of your youngest members, 22, and in my last year of college, majoring in Mathematics. Mine is one of the oldest problems in history --- Jealousy. You cannot believe what misery I am going through because of my beautiful girlfriend - and I mean beautiful! 36"-24"-36" with a face to go with it. I suppose you think my problem is going to be keeping the other boys away - but it is just the opposite. She is jealous of me, and that is the understatement of the year. If I casually say "good morning" to another girl, she accuses me of bold flirtation. If another girl says "hello" to me, she is certain I must have winked or something to encourage her. One embarrassing night I told her I had to go to a stag meeting - which I did - and believe it or not, she hid in the back of my car to check up on me. Of course, it's flattering to have such a beautiful girl love me so intensely, but I just can't take much more of this kind of love. I feel like a criminal stalked by the police! Is there anything I can do to make her have more confidence in me?

M.A.

Feb. 26, 1962

Dear M. A.

Jealousy is a serious illness. It is usually a sympton of extreme emotional insecurity. The inner values of this girl do not seem to equate with the perfection of her outer measurements. An insecure soul often cannot accept love without also suspecting it of being insufficient and fearing its loss. Your girlfriend will have to learn to love and accept herself before she can believe, in her heart, that she is truly loved and accepted. Perhaps she knows, subconsciously, that her 36"-24"-36" means more to you (and herself) than the more important spiritual measurements of a mature and highly evolved soul? It could be that both of you are using measuring sticks on the wrong level.



Soror A

Feb. 15, 1963

Dear Soror A:

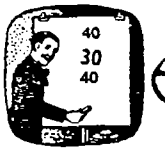
A year ago when I wrote you of my jealous girlfriend, your answer threw me into a period of introspection in which I seriously re-examined my emotional conditionings with their materialistic focus. I thought you would be interested to know that since then I have met another girl whose more than ample spiritual measurements are reproduced physically in her 40"-30"-40" statistics. So as you can see, thanks to my work with Tarot and your sage advice, physical proportions have become of secondary importance to me.

M.A.

Feb. 21, 1963

Dear M. A.

In equating your latest report, I can now prognosticate that you are going to make a fine and practical Mathematician. Your new perception of the relative importance of "vital statistics" shows an accurate grasp of the proper value of numerical relationships!!

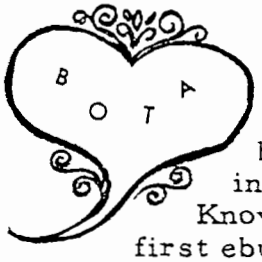


Soror A

THE PERSONAL TOUCH



From Your Supersensory Snooper



Everyone's heart was on his sleeve, literally and figuratively, on Thursday, Feb. 14, when the Sound and Color Class gave a most loving Valentine Party. The hearts, made of red paper and embellished with first names, promoted an atmosphere of friendly intimacy when the 'games of love' were played later on. "Getting to Know You" is what the Fratres and Sorores sang to each other in the first ebullience of Valentine's Day spirit, as the Rev. Davies reigned behind a huge sign that had been placed on her podium, naming her "Ambassadress of Love".



One of the 'games of love' was a charade on historical lovers (should be hysterical, said one of our staff) which brought uncontrollable laughter from the audience. With Romeo and Juliet, Anthony and Cleopatra, and others represented, the charade prize was won by our Harriet B. Case, portraying Annie Oakley, and her lover, Wild Bill Hickock, played by Richard Waldron. Bob Beck won a prize for giving the best "Advice to the Lovelorn" taken out of the 'Abby' column with her answers removed.



The entertainment was truly of top professional caliber, with solos by Jack Eismann and Choir leader Dorothy Howley, and duets by Charlene and Milton Washburn, both of whom are very successful radio and television personalities. All were accompanied by our wonderful organist, Marjorie Begley.

We wish to thank our Entertainment Committee Chairman, Charlene Washburn, and those who assisted her, for planning and directing this very successful and fun-filled party. We also want to express our love and appreciation to Helena Migdalek, Chairman of the Refreshment Committee, for her loving and unselfish service in planning such a wonderful feast for us.



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I LOVE you for what you are, but I love you yet more for what you are going to be.
I love you not so much for your realities as for your ideals. I pray for your desires that they may be great, rather than for your satisfactions, which may be so hazardously little.
A satisfied flower is one whose petals are about to fall. The most beautiful rose is one hardly more than a bud wherein the pangs and ecstacies of desire are working for larger and finer growth. ¶ Not always shall you be what you are now
You are going forward toward something great. I am on the way with you and therefore I love you.
—Charles Sandburg.

NOTHING is easier than fault-finding; no talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character are required to set up in the grumbling business.
—Robert West

THE men whom I have seen succeed best in life have always been cheerful and hopeful men, who went about their business with a smile on their faces, and took the changes and chances of this mortal life like men, facing rough and smooth alike as it came.—Chas. Kingsley.

IT is easy in the world to live after the world's opinions; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the Great Man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.—Emerson.

HE who is silent is forgotten; he who abstains is taken at his word; he who does not advance falls back; he who stops is overwhelmed, distanced, crushed; he who ceases to grow greater becomes smaller; he who leaves off, gives up; the stationary condition is the beginning of the end.—Amiel.

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PROFILE ON DR. PAUL FOSTER CASE
FOUNDER OF BUILDERS OF THE ADYTUM

By The Rev. Ann Davies, Prolocutor General

Born 1884 - Died 1954, suddenly and easily while vacationing in Mexico with his beloved wife and spiritual helpmate, Harriet B. Case.



Paul Foster Case

To portray adequately the Founder of Builders of the Adytum, Paul Foster Case, is like attempting to describe the great Spiritual Teachers and Messengers who have from time to time walked the earth throughout recorded history. A Vast and Eternal Being looked out from behind Paul Case's eyes, bringing gifts which neither moths nor rust can corrupt. Because such a Vast Soul was willing to take on the sacrifice of a body of flesh, this earth has been left with a heritage that is destined to take on ever greater importance in the spiritual evolution of aspirants throughout the Aquarian Age.

Paul Foster Case was born in Fairport, New York, in 1884, of primarily Yankee stock with a dash of the exotic Gypsy thrown in through his mother's genetic line, which also included Miles Standish as a direct ancestor.

His mother was a teacher and his father was the head librarian of the town library, in which Paul Case was literally born. He could not remember when he learned how to read, for by the age of four he was surreptitiously curled up with forbidden books in the attic of the library building, absorbing the knowledge of the ages with the same fervent eagerness a mystic experiences in reaching for God.



Often, throughout his childhood, his consciousness turned inside out, as he described it, and he would then see the entire universe as existing within himself, while his center of Selfhood was experienced as being an encircling periphery . . . Infinite in scope. He could consciously manipulate his dream states. He corresponded with Kipling, after reading Kim and other of Kipling's works, at (continued on next page)

the age of nine. Kipling assured him of the reality of these supersensory states, establishing an inspiring friendship between the kindred souls of older man and young boy.



Paul Case was found to have great musical talent, beginning his training in organ and piano at the age of three. By the age of nine he was the organist for the Congregational Church in which his father was deacon. At the age of sixteen he met Claude Bragdon, where both were donating their talents to a charity performance. They recognized the mystical significance of their meeting as Mr. Bragdon asked, "Case, where do you think the playing cards came from?" From that moment onward came the conscious search for the answers to the Riddle of the Universe. Paul Case rushed to the library and discovered that playing cards were descendents of Tarot, originally called the Game of Man.

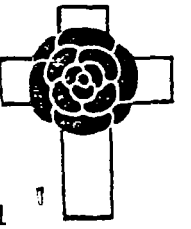


It was in 1900 A.D. then, that he started collecting every book and every set of Tarot Keys available. Year after year he poured over these Archetypal Images of Power, researching, delving, studying, meditating. He found very, very little in print, and these had blinds which were most confusing. It was at this point, also, that he started to hear a Voice guiding him in his researches. The stimulus of the Tarot had opened up his Inner Hearing to the highest spiritual levels, for the Voice never interfered with his personal life, never flattered, never gave orders. It merely spoke up from time to time saying such as, "If you will get the book on top shelf, third from the left and open it up to page 101, you will find the reference you seek." Through this study, research and meditation, Paul Case discovered the true attributions of the Tarot and had them published before he was 21 years old. This inevitably led him also to the Qabalah, which he discovered he already knew, Qabalah being the Age-old Secret Wisdom of Israel. He did not have to study the Hebrew-Chaldean Script, for he "remembered" it. Immersing himself in Tarot and Qabalah was really like a review, preliminary to stepping on into new Horizons.

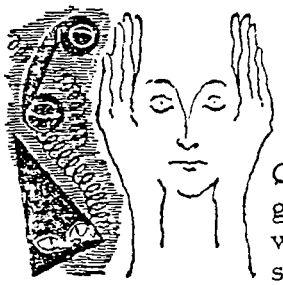
In Chicago, while still in his early twenty's, he was approached by a "stranger" in the street, who called him accurately by name, revealing to Paul Case knowledge of his most secret thoughts, hopes and activities. He then said to him, "I come from the Master of Wisdom who is my Teacher as well as yours. He gave me your name, told me where I would find you at this specific day and hour and sends a message. You are now at a crossroad in your life. If you decide to continue in your musical career, you will be successful. You will have a little more of this world's goods than most. You will have a relatively happy and easy incarnation. However, if you take the other road, you will be dedicating yourself to fully serve humanity and play a vital part in its evolution for this coming Aquarian Age. Your life will be hard. You will be subjected to forces difficult to withstand. Tests and trials will be with you throughout your incarnation. Sorrow will walk with you often. You will not receive any recognition or glory. The recognition of your contribution to the Evolution of Humanity will start to come only after you have left your physical body. The Masters await your decision, for it will take them many earth years to find a suitable vehicle for the Vast Soul who will incarnate for the purpose of continuing the Great Work which you will have started in its revised phases for this era. The Masters promise nothing except to give help in all phases of the Spiritual Teachings. They wish you to know that hard though your life will be, in the final analysis, you will not starve to death."

The decision of Paul Case is apparent. Although he became an orchestral conductor, every spare moment went into his dedicated service. (cont. on next page)

DR. CASE PROFILE (cont.)



He started to write the B.O.T.A. lessons in hotels and on trains, as his musical career required extensive travel. While in New York City he was approached by Michael Whitty, the then Praemonstrator General (Supreme Head) of the Golden Dawn for the U.S. and Canada. Paul Foster Case was Initiated into the Golden Dawn, quickly travelling the Grades, or age-old Mystery School Paths of Return. Within a few years he succeeded Michael Whitty as Frater Perseverantia (his spiritual name), Greatly Honored Supreme Head of the Order.



Shortly after Paul Case fully achieved his spiritual linkage with all the required levels of this Mystery Training, one day the phone rang, and much to his surprise the same voice which had been inwardly instructing him in his researches for many years spoke to him on the phone. It was the Master R. who had come personally to New York for the purpose of preparing Paul Case to begin the next incarnation of the Qabalistic Way of Return. Dr. Case (by then having earned his degree as a Doctor of Theology) resigned from the Golden Dawn (which was being dissolved by the Masters), and after three weeks of personal instruction with the Master R., Builders of the Adytum was formed. Paul Case then retired from a successful and lucrative career in music to devote his full time to the service of humanity.

His life was hard. His sorrows were many. Often, he did not know where his next meal was coming from. Betrayals from disruptive personalities were often his lot. Less evolved souls stand ever ready to try to destroy what they cannot comprehend, and vastness of Soul is often frightening to ignorant, immature mentalities. Such are the sacrifices that the true Spiritual Leaders of man must face.

The Heritage Paul Foster Case left to humanity is the Higher College Level Spiritual Training, now in charge of the writer, Ann Davies, who incarnated specifically for the purpose of representing and extending this direct Lineal Order of the Western Mysteries.

His erudite scholarship, piercing and discriminating mentality, and direct Spiritual Awareness are a combination which rarely come to this planet Earth. And yet his human-ness was never absent, expressing itself in wit, humor, and complete compatibility with people of all social classes, races and creeds. His mission, to translate the Techniques of Tarot and Qabalah, extensions of the Ageless Wisdom, into terms understandable to the modern mind, he more than fulfilled. Because of his sacrifices, coming generations will have available the most advanced methods for travelling the Path of Spiritual Return to the Most High. He saw into the hearts of men and loved them still. He directly experienced the Oneness of God, the brotherhood of man, and the Unity of ALL Life. Recognized as world authority on Tarot and Qabalah, such credit being given to him in the writings of many prominent Occult authorities, including Manly P. Hall, the greatest recognition we can give him is to undertake to follow in his spiritual footsteps, so that we, too, may consciously walk with God. ⁂





The first consideration a wise man fixes upon is the great end of his creation: what it is and wherein it consists. The next is of the most proper means to that end.

—JAMES BARR WALKER





"Time goes, you say? Alas, ah no! Time stays, we go." — Anon.

9:45 this morning . . .

I open the door to the rain, and the morning sounds-aromas-moisture fill the room. Caged finches in the next yard blend songs with the tree-birds and become the rain and gray-light.

Don't move! Be still! Let senses blend! Don't separate sight-sound-smell-cold-damp. Let all in at once, without thought, to flow in and around and through every atom of primitive energy that knows no separation . . . that only is!

Feel the pressure of air as the rain falls more fully. Quieting the birds who now listen to the little echo-songs of water tapping here, tapping there.

Oh God! I am it! It was here for a moment . . . fleeter than a thought . . . fainter than a memory of lost perfume. I know. (I) know.

— Charles Stribling, Artisan San Francisco Pronaos #2

REMEMBER --- the extension of B.O.T.A.'s occult training, which brings aspirants to the development of their fullest spiritual capacities, is dependent on your donations and/or tithings. This is your way of sharing in the extension of L.V.X. (Light).

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THE FIVE ESSENCES

(Dedicated to Tarot Key No. 3, The Empress)

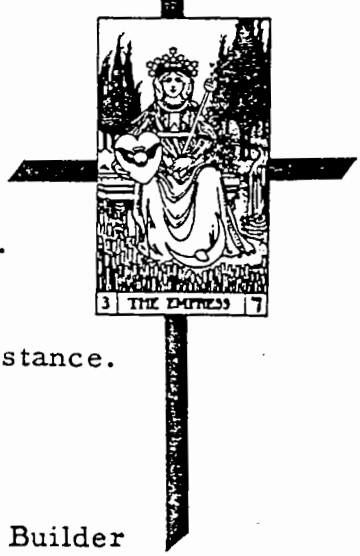
I
Wherever I look,
I see Thy Sacred Image.

II
With every breath,
I inhale Thy Ethereal Fragrance.

III
In all I touch,
I feel the softness of my Beloved.

IV
All that I taste
Unites me with Thy Celestial Substance.

V
In every sound,
I hear the Voice of my Empress.



— Sol Montlack, Associate Builder

THE GOOD SEED

By Harriet B. Case, Grand Cancellaria



Recently, when writing to a student and complimenting her on the progress she had made in her studies, as well as the comprehension she had shown of the deeper meanings of the B.O.T.A. teachings, I was struck by the similarity between the way different students responded to the work, and Jesus' parable of the "Sower and the Seed" that fell on different kinds of ground.

As you will remember, He said that some seed fell on stony ground; and after coming up withered for lack of moisture. Some fell on the footpath, where they were trampled on, or the birds ate them up. Some seed fell , among thistles, and the thistles grew up with the seed and choked them. But other seed fell upon good ground (or rich soil), and these grew well and yielded a hundredfold. When Jesus had told this parable, He said, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Later, His disciples asked Him what was the inner meaning of this parable? He answered, "The seed is the Word of God." So, also, are the B.O.T.A. teachings.

Jesus went on to explain that the seed that fell on the pathway were those persons who heard the Word, but the "Devil" came and carried off the Word from their hearts lest they believe and be saved. For the "Devil" we would substitute - in regard to students - inertia, or the talk of friends or relatives who disbelieve in the Ageless Wisdom and persuade the student by means of ridicule or fear to give up their studies.

The seed that fell on stony ground, He went on to say, stands for those who received the Word with joy when they first heard it, but who have no deep roots; they are believers for awhile, but in the time of testing they fall away. This also is what happens to a few of our students. We feel that this occurs because they are not yet quite ready for the trials of the Path of Return; their roots are not deep enough. They believe in these truths and they like to listen to lectures and read books, but are not yet prepared to practice the concentrated mental and emotional disciplines required.

Next, Jesus explained that the seed which fell among thistles represented those who hear, but whose further growth is choked by cares or wealth and the pleasures of life, and they bring nothing to maturity. This, too, occasionally occurs with B.O.T.A. students. But they are not to blame. It merely indicates that the time is not ripe at the moment. The inner urge to experience reality is not yet strong enough to override all other considerations, and they still need these more worldly experiences.

Finally, Jesus explained to the disciples the meaning of the seed that fell on good ground as those who bring a good and honest heart to the hearing of the Word, hold it fast, and by their perseverance yield a full harvest. (continued on next page)

THE GOOD SEED (cont.)

These are the students who are inwardly prepared; those for whom patient, steadfast study and meditation, as well as a constant effort to practice daily the principles they have learned, have brought them a clearer understanding of who and what they are. They are those for whom vistas of revelation open up, bringing peace of heart and mind and a quiet inner joy that sustains them no matter what outer storms may rage about them. They are those who can stand steady and resist the impacts of the race subconscious mind with its blind fears and hatreds.

These are the ones who represent the "leaven" that helps raise the world "dough" of the ignorant mass consciousness. They carry the torch for struggling humanity. Even though they may not be acclaimed publicly, they will be the ones who will help by their example to bring about the actual realization of true Brotherhood throughout mankind.

The large majority of our students belong to that group of seeds in the parable which fell upon good ground, and we are grateful for their participation in the Great Work.

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Thank You ... May we take this opportunity to thank all our many members and friends who have so generously donated books to our growing library. These books are constantly in use, and we still have space on our shelves for more. So if you find you have any metaphysical or occult books just gathering dust, you may wish to share them with your fellow builders travelling the Path of Return with you.



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A MYSTICAL AWAKENING . . .



It is with stars in my eyes that I write this letter, for a great Spiritual Blessing has been given to me, who am so unworthy.

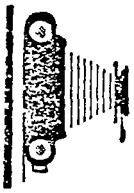
I wish that I could give it to the world, but, alas, I know not even words to describe it.

It was as if my heart were a rosebud, and before me it unfolded and bloomed into the most beautiful rose in the world. A dove (force) from heaven descended, and its love caused the rose to open, revealing a door of flame, and passing beyond this door I fell to my knees before a sun a thousand times brighter than that which lights our world. It consumed me, and I and it became one, and all that existed was it. For fourteen days the dove clung to the rose; I walked thus among a garden of sparkling jewels whose essence was but radiant light to my eyes, music to my ears, and love throughout my being. The dove has flown away to bring its gift to another, for I am no more, but only the essence of the rose remaining for a stranger passing by to find joy in.

J.F.L., Malden, Mass., June 8, 1963

PARANORMAL PHOTOGRAPHY

By Felix J. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor



Spirit and other paranormal photography, a most interesting aspect of scientific psychic research (SPR), has unfortunately been heavily loaded with fraud. Nevertheless, there are many such pictures, some taken under rigid test conditions, which professional photographers tell us are genuine. In 1918, the Society for the Study of Supernormal Pictures was formed in London. Its directors were all distinguished professional people, and its members all professional photographers. The Society reported in May, 1920:

> "The members here present desire to place on record the fact that after many tests and examinations of thousands of pictures, they are unanimously of the opinion that the results have been obtained supernormally on sensitive plates under reliable test conditions ... secured under conditions excluding the possibility of fraud."

I could quote from the reports of several eminent and internationally known scientists concerning the genuineness and supernormal character of photographs showing spirit "extras" ... SPR defines an extra as an object appearing in a photograph which the camera sees, but not the normal eye ... but shall discuss only the work of Arthur Von Salay, a professional photographer of Los Angeles. I have intermittently worked with this gentleman for some twenty years. His interest in SPR is the same as my own; namely, to uncover the facts divorced from fraud, prejudice and preconception. Early in his career as a successful photographer, he discovered extras appearing in his pictures. These were often small faces, some of known and recognized deceased persons.

Far from being a commercial asset, this unwanted spirit photography cost him many clients. The public is largely uneducated to such strange events and often becomes either alarmed or regards them as trickery. He has never commercialized his strange mediumistic ability. Instead, he became a dedicated psychic researcher, and together we have delved deeply into many aspects of psychism.

As a teenager, he experienced superconscious states and, like myself, many other spontaneous psychic experiences. Thus, when he developed spirit photography, his matured scientific curiosity kept apace. With no early religious conditioning, he later turned to the study of Yoga, particularly its physical aspects. He always required some sort of sense demonstration ... i.e., phenomena which can be observed by the senses or their instrumental extension ... before embarking in the more intimate and personal excursion of metaphysics and mysticism. Indeed, I could list at least a score of internationally known scientists who entered SPR under the influence of intense skepticism and disbelief. Some few have stuck to their materialistic guns and tried to explain away their SPR observations in terms of obscure and little understood capacities of the human material organism and brain. But the majority have either publicly or privately abandoned their materialistic positions and accepted the actuality and reality of the unseen worlds.

Observing extras appearing in many of his pictures, Von Salay wondered if the camera was needed in such productions. To determine this, he dispensed with his camera and experimented with ordinary sensitized photographic paper. His technique was to remove a sheet from its light-proof covering, hold it in his hand in

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PARANORMAL PHOTOGRAPHY (Cont.)

ordinary light, and then immerse it in the developer. Extras continued to appear on many such sheets. These he calls Skotographs. He has taken thousands of them, many under rigid test conditions and in the presence of competent observers.

One of these so taken and supported by observer's affidavits, is reproduced here. It shows an amorphous, undulating background upon which is sharply imposed the letters N A D. Higher to the left is seen a less well defined figure of an old woman.



In the production of this Skotograph. a young lady, Miss Michela Kelly, was first placed in a deep hypnotic sleep. A sheet of sensitized paper was placed under her hands for a few moments and immediately developed, whereupon the extras appeared. Later Miss Kelly stated that her old nurse, deceased some fourteen years, had been called Naddie. No thoughts of Naddie had entered her mind during the experiment, nor for months previously. Von Salay and those present knew nothing of Naddie at the time. I can personally vouch for the genuineness of this Skotograph, as I have seen many of them produced by him under rigid test conditions with all manner of extras appearing.

In my next article, I will discuss and show a Von Salay photograph of an Occult disappearance.

Laughter and Life

THE CRYSTAL GAZER collected $25 for a reading and told the visitor: "This entitles you to ask me two questions."

"Isn't that a lot of money for only two questions?" the startled visitor asked.

"Yes, madam, it is," answered the fortune teller gravely. "And, now, what is your second question?"



SINCE ED COULDN'T stop snapping his fingers, he went to see a psychiatrist.

"Why do you do this?" asked the doctor.

"It keeps the tigers away, Doc."

"My good man," replied the psychiatrist, "there are no tigers within 6000 miles."

"Effective, isn't it," he beamed.

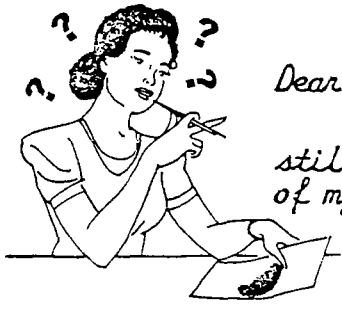


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A CASE HISTORY FROM OUR FILES



June 4, 1962

Dear B.O.T.A.

The Tarot lessons have been a source of great joy to me, but I still have trouble making decisions about what I want. I am unsure of myself and so afraid that I will decide wrongly that I just don't decide at all. Tell me please what Tarot Key combination will help me make right decisions. I don't want to create bad Karma.

R.J.B.

June 12, 1962

Dear R.J.B.

It is better to make a wrong decision than not to decide at all. In this way we at least learn what we do not want. The person who stands still arrives exactly nowhere. Testing our desires is an essential practice in eliminating lesser, or false ones. There is no better way to develop true discrimination. For example - you might decide that what you want most at the present time is a large and beautiful house. Your decision to own such a house and subsequent creative practice makes your desire a reality.



Later, you may find that owning this house is more of a burden than a joy. This often happens to aspirants as they progress in our work. Their desires change . . . from "having", to "doing", to "being". But that does not eliminate the need for the "having" stage. This helps us discard false desires and leads us towards true ones. Because we cannot help being creative, we must learn the art of conscious creation and develop ever greater discrimination in our creative natures. So, dear member, do not be afraid to decide. The Divine Will grows us through our desires. Whether demonstrated desires bring joy or regret, they are a step towards learning, ever more accurately, the way to consciously participate in the ecstacy of Divine Creation.

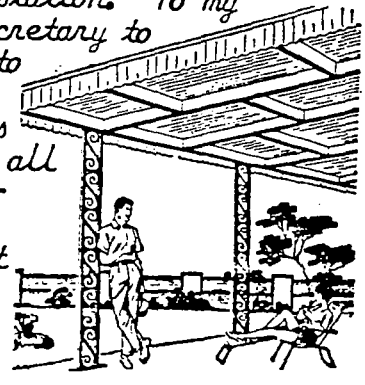
Soror A



June 1, 1963

Dear Soror A:

Your advice of about a year ago brought some very interesting results into my life. I decided that, right or wrong, what I wanted more than anything else was to get away from the hectic city life life and secretarial job I held and relax somewhere in the country, so I could study, contemplate nature, and fulfill a long-standing desire to paint. I practiced the B.O.T.A. Seven Steps method for bringing this desire into manifestation. To my delight, six months later I was offered and accepted a job as secretary to an author who lived way out in the country. My employer proved to be very casual, so I really had all the leisure I could ask for. The trouble was that the indolence was catching! With many hours to myself and no one to disturb me, I did practically nothing at all (except when I had to flee from my employer's erotic overtures — definitely not lethargic in that area). Instead of studying and painting, or even contemplating nature, I did very little but eat and sleep (with the occasional necessity to run). Remembering your letter, I finally admitted to myself that this was not the



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A CASE HISTORY (Cont.)



life for me. I had succumbed to a false desire. With monumental effort I managed to get up enough ambition to resign and return to my former city life . . . the fast pace and varied activities are far more conducive to accomplishment for me. Thank you for helping to guide me towards discrimination.

R. J. B.



June 10, 1963

Dear R. J. B.

Congratulations! You now know that getting away from it all doesn't bring you to the ALL. We profoundly hope that the required running exercises during your sedentary period at least helped to keep you from gaining excess poundage!



Soror A

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Do you have a friend who would enjoy ADYTUM NEWS NOTES? Then pass your copy on, or give your friend a gift subscription for only $1.00 per year.

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THE EFFECT OF PRONAOS PARTICIPATION



Lack of communication between self-conscious and sub-conscious states tends to short circuit our energies and is one of the greatest stumbling blocks for occult students. One of the most effective methods for establishing this desirable communication is through the symbolism of Pronaos ritual. The forces invoked by the group are directed toward balance and understanding throughout the personality.

We invite all those who live in areas where we have established Pronaos groups to avail themselves of this opportunity. Any B.O.T.A. member in good standing may apply for initiation into Pronaos. For further information, contact the Artisan in your area:

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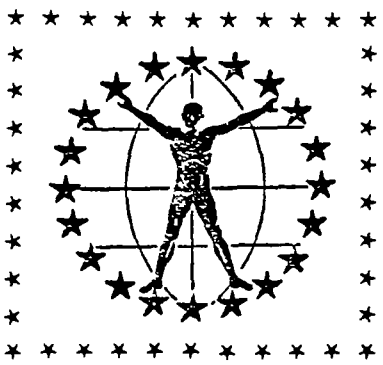
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We wish to take this opportunity to welcome Boston Pronaos No. 102 as our newest Pronaos group. They were chartered by Rev. Davies during her recent trip.

CHILDREN OF THE STARRY HEAVENS

By Catherine E. Morton, Artisan of Pronaos No. 1



Qabalistic teaching has long held that all that is, is one; that all lives and has its being as part of the universal Cosmic Force. Today, physics and astronomy have confirmed that everything and everyone within the universe is, in the last analysis, constituted of electromagnetic waves, or levels of vibration.

Human beings tend to think of their bodies as "flesh and blood", or, at a more sophisticated level, as a collection of chemical reactions and neural impulses. Although we realize, theoretically, that our bodies are essentially collections of atoms positioned in space, it is rarely that we consciously consider them as fields of electromagnetic energy at certain levels of vibration; yet this is what they really are.

Moreover, "electromagnetic" itself is an intensely Qabalistic word, calling to mind the doctrine of polarity and union between the occult "sun" and "moon", the electric and the magnetic currents of being.

In his lessons, Dr. Case points out the scientific proofs that the earth and all that it holds originate in our sun; that everything terrestrial proceeds, directly or indirectly, from solar energy. Now, the sun is simply our nearest star, and its energy derives from the transmutation of hydrogen to helium, of the simplest atomic structure to one more complex. Hydrogen, which has been called the building material of the universe, seems to be the basic matter from which the other, heavier, elements are formed. It is by far the most common material in the universe. In the atomic structure of hydrogen, we find the equilibrium between positive and negative forces, which are the proton and a single electron, this being the basic element of creation. Here there is a clear parallel with the esoteric doctrine of the involution into matter, the simple polarity of Binah (Qabalistic Feminine Principle) and Chokmah (Qabalistic Masculine Force) eventually resulting in the complexity of Malkuth (the Physical Manifestation).

And from the original universal diffusion of primordial hydrogen are formed the glowing concentrations that we call "stars", one of which is our sun. If we are the children of Mother Earth, from which we draw our sustenance, yet we are also the direct descendants of starlight. While our presence on this <u>particular</u> planet may or may not be fortuitous, <u>wherever</u> we may be, <u>whatever</u> we might have been, we should recognize ourselves as being star-born.

So we speak nothing but pure truth, when we say with the Initiates of old,

ΓΗΣ ΠΑΙΣ ΕΙΜΙ ΚΑΙ ΟΥΡΑΝΟΥ ΑΣΤΕΡΟΕΝΤΟΣ

ΑΥΤΑΡ ΕΜΟΙ ΓΕΝΟΣ ΟΥΡΑΝΙΟΝ

"I am a child of earth and of starry heaven; but my race is of the heavens."

A deeper and firmer belief in God can be the only result of a better insight into truth.

—Albert McC. Winchester, biologist



SPIRITUAL POWER IN ACTION

"....By their works ye shall know them."

The international fame of Ann Davies, our Prolocutor General, as the leading exponent of the Mystery Teachings of Tarot and Qabalah continues to spread like wildfire. We have been flooded with letters of appreciation for the wonderful spiritual experience and enlightenment received by those who were privileged to hear her during her eastern lecture tour. As requests for lecture dates pour in from other parts of the country, we realize anew how fortunate we are to have such a source of Spiritual Power as our leader.

"Ann Davies ... As I well know with my conscious mind, you made this trip to share yourself with others, but in a very unusual sense you made this trip just for me! ... Although I had expected a great deal (of you) you surpassed my greatest expectations. I felt you were addressing yourself just to me ... I shall never forget this experience, nor your wonderful self. It will sing in my heart forever."

E.A., Croyden, Penn.

"... Rev. Davies just radiates harmony and peace. The love that she feels for all humanity enfolds all who come under her influence . . . the lessons have become more alive and vital just having seen her and spoken to her ..."

H.G., Middlesex, N.J.

"... It was not until the next day (after hearing Rev. Davies) that we realized our utter fatigue had vanished, and we have not since experienced the depressing weariness which lived with us the past two months ..."

A.W., Manhattan, N.Y.

"... After twenty years in Occultism, for the first time I knew the meaning of being 'transported', as a result of the impact of your spiritual presence."

S.M., New York, N.Y.

"... Memories of you and the experiences in your presence continue to color my days — the fragrance of your presence lingered for hours . . . For the most part you found me inarticulate, but you knew what was in my heart, the words for which are not found in our daily language."

S.S., Weatherby, Penn.

THE PERSONAL TOUCH



From Your Supersensory Snooper





Tarot Key 0, The Fool, was the theme of our April costume party held by the Thursday night class. After warming up with a joyful songfest, lead by the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, lovely Charlene Washburn, everyone was required to get up and do something foolish. The delightful tomfoolery that followed included a vintage twenty's siren in flaming red satin pajamas singing the blues (Rev. Ann Davies!!), a hilariously phoney hypnotic act (by John Shawhan and Don Nattras), and a poetic gem of rarest humor entitled "Confessions of a Confused Soul" (Felix Frazer, Poet).



If everyone was not entirely relaxed at this point, the games that followed completed the therapy, including a most enchanting one wherein each of the guests in turn played the part of an unborn infant twin commenting upon life in the embryo stage as he or she saw it.



A very special award was given to Prize Clown Wilson Selgado as "The Life of the Party". He acted as straight man for everyone and helped keep the spirit of fun burning brightly throughout the evening.

Refreshment time, directed by our wonderful Helena Migdalek, was enhanced by a traditional Easter Lamb cake baked by Fellow Builder Kurtis Wollgien and sent all the way from Arkansas especially for this party. We wish to express our thanks to Kurtis for this loving and thoughtful gesture.



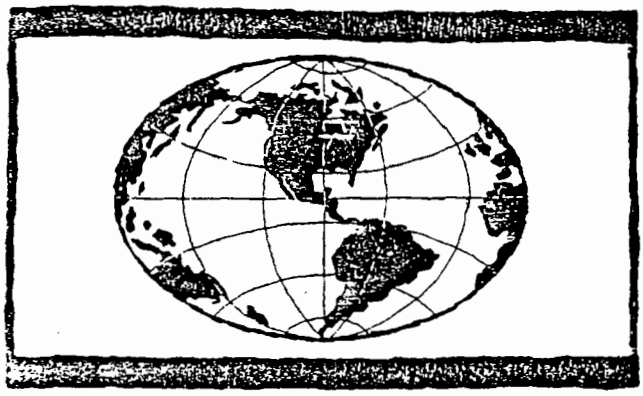
At the touch of love every one becomes a poet.
PLATO, *Symposium*

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

+++ The lecture series entitled ADVANCED TECHNIQUES FOR CORRELATING STATES OF CONSCIOUSNESS AND THE VIBRATORY FORCES OF COLOR AND SOUND is conducted every Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock and repeated Monday afternoons at 1:30 o'clock by the Rev. Ann Davies. This advanced course is directed toward awakening more subtle forms of awareness and developing the ability to establish the proper healing vibration within the organism of the healer. The current series will be concluded about August 1st. Rev. Davies' new lecture series on ESOTERIC ASTROLOGY is tentatively scheduled to begin this fall.

+++ Our 11:00 A.M. Sunday service, conducted by the Rev. Ann Davies, will continue throughout the summer. An intensely potent group organism for transmitting spiritual and healing forces has been developed by the members of the Sunday Service. This is attributed to the extraordinary spiritual force which Rev. Davies emanates in her talks and to the continuous use by the group of the Qabalistic Chant and the Invocation of the Divine Names. Many unusual healings and experiences of Higher Levels of Awareness have been reported by those participating in these ancient methods of unfoldment.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PROLOCUTOR GENERAL



The special esoteric energies that are being directed by the Masters of Wisdom to aid the evolution of humanity have recently taken on new impetus and power.

The electro-magnetic forces from pole to pole, which include the special energies involving the equator, are now in process of being equalized through the establishment of a new center of B.O.T.A. in New Zealand.

This is going to help not only the direct participants in our esoteric and occult practices, but also create an enlarged opportunity for all humanity to more readily evolve toward their true capacities.

The Master R directly intervened to bring about the manifestation of the New Zealand branch of B.O.T.A., because its geographical location below the equator most closely correlates with the established location of B.O.T.A. above the equator. (Look at a world Atlas!)

Unstinting love and blessings pour out to our New Zealand Fratres and Sorores, as together we serve the Most High.

Mr. Alastair Wallace, with extraordinary qualifications for this responsible position, has been officially appointed to head the New Zealand branch of B.O.T.A. Our New Zealand address is: BUILDERS OF THE ADYTUM, Box 3739, G.P.O. Auckland C.1., New Zealand.

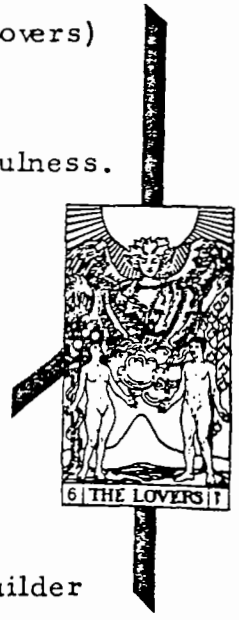
MY GUARDIAN ANGEL

(Dedicated to Tarot Key No. 6, The Lovers)

Awaken, awaken, my ineffable Soul,
For I come knocking on your Door.
Cross the border from sleep to Wakefulness.
No passport is needed,
No customs to be checked.

Transport your Spirit
With rapturous delight.
Enjoy the gifts of a new-born day.

The Lord of Light
Has many surprises
Wrapped in Cosmic Colors
For Thine eyes to behold!



—— Sol Montlack, Associate Builder

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WHILE THERE IS A SOUL IN PRISON, I AM NOT FREE...

This is dedicated to those who, though living behind the shadow of prison walls, are seeking the spirit of freedom in the illumination of L.V.X., and whose souls are therefore not being denied the Light that shineth in the darkness.

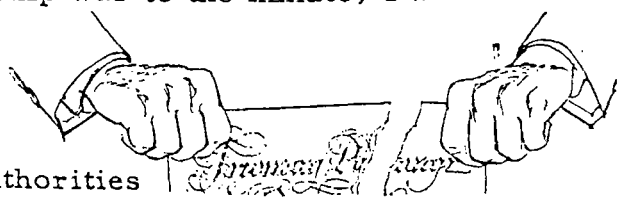


Between four and five years ago, B.O.T.A. acquired a most unusual new member. A young man 34 years old attended my weekly classes for several weeks and brought attention to himself immediately through the brilliant and profound questions he asked. In order to protect his name, I will call him Frater R.

Frater R asked for a private interview, at which time he told me he was out of prison on bail, awaiting a hearing on an appeal. He was desperate, for if he lost his appeal, this being a second offense . . . and a serious one . . . , he faced ten years to life at _____prison. For the first time he had found a spiritual method that fired his soul into aspiration . . . that answered the needs of his mind and heart. He was very anxious to be allowed to continue receiving the B.O.T.A. correspondence lessons to assure uninterrupted spiritual growth, should he have to return to prison.

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I promised him that I would personally see to this. Several weeks later I received an application form from the prison. Frater R had lost his appeal and required permission from the prison authorities to receive outside mail. He was allowed only a limited number of correspondents and had given my name as one of them. I filled in the form, and where it asked what the relationship was to the inmate, I wrote "minister" and "spiritual counsellor".



Imagine my outrage (spiritual, of course!) when I received a letter from the Warden refusing permission for correspondence between Frater R and me! The letter stated that the authorities felt there were enough Chaplains in prison for the spiritual needs of its inmates, and that they did not approve of a female minister for a male prisoner.



I immediately wrote a long letter to the Warden and Chaplain, appealing their decision. I pointed out that had the orthodox religious approaches to life been sufficient for Frater R, he would not be where he was today . . . that if our aim is for rehabilitation, then his own chosen spiritual way should be nurtured . . . that we owed his eternal soul the opportunity of continued contact with his own religious leanings. I sent off the letter, calling for help upon the Divine Names, Archangels, Angels, Principalities, Saints, Inner School Masters, and every other etcetera I could think of. I was fighting for my brother.





I was considerably disturbed at the possibility that Frater R would think I had deserted him. If Frater R lost faith in B.O.T.A. and me . . . what then? I therefore managed to get in touch with a friend of Frater R's who had permission to correspond with him and asked him to send Frater R a message from me which said in essence:

"My brother, I have given you my word that you will be able to continue with the spiritual teachings of B.O.T.A., and I do not give my word lightly. I have appealed the decision of the prison authorities, and should this fail, I shall fight for your right to religious freedom even if I have to take this case to the very highest tribunals of our country. I am already in consultation with my attorney. Meanwhile, try to express to the best of your ability that which is already a part of your new spiritual approach to a transmuted way of life. Have faith! I will not forsake you!"



I then contacted our beloved attorney, who has so brilliantly donated his services to B.O.T.A. for many years, and asked him to look up the laws regarding freedom of religion. With the fire of indignation (still spiritual, of course) emphasizing my every word, I said to our attorney, "We must, if we have to, fight this through every court in the land. If need be, we will take this case to the Supreme Court of the United States itself! Are you with me?" "I am happy to say I am with you", he laughed. "Gosh, I'd hate to get in a fight with you."



Actually, I am an extremely devout coward . . . except when my sense of justice is outraged. So I tuned myself into the spirit of Tarot Key No. 11, Justice, and mentally wielded the powers of the Key as I awaited the next development. Then . . . VICTORY! Shortly after my message was mailed and delivered to Frater R via his friend, an emissary from the Warden's office informed Frater R that they were reconsidering his case! Then notice was given to Frater R, saying that approval had been given for correspondence with the Reverend Ann Davies on an experimental basis to determine the effectiveness of this relationship. (continued on next page)



WHILE A SOUL IN PRISON (continued)



I arranged Frater R's membership on a non-dues paying basis. But lessons had to be mailed 1st class, this being one of the stipulations made by the prison authorities. It was, of course, an added expense. But who would wish to equate this extra expenditure against the Infinite Value of one of God's living creatures . . . our brother?

Then the fun began! The beautiful soul of Frater R started expanding into an ever greater Spiritual Power. In the first year, two other prison inmates attempted to receive permission to become associated with B.O.T.A. for spiritual help and rehabilitation. They were refused. These two later left prison on parole and were returned shortly with new felony charges. Meanwhile, the Correctional Counsellor, noting the extraordinary changes in Frater R, became most cooperative. A new Chaplain was assigned to the prison, who had the Vision to recognize the help that was being given through B.O.T.A. and leant his active cooperation. Now a way had been opened. Frater R started to spread the Light of his soul to others. Good behavior brought transfers of many of our new members to various other branches of the prison and to prison camps. They in turn gave of their new-found spiritual orientations, and as each carried the newly found Light with him, holding it up for others to see . . . the spiritual conflagration continued. The Light of the World shines ever brighter behind prison walls.



We now have members . . . Fellow Builders of the Adytum . . . in seven prisons and prison camps in California alone. Close to 200 human souls, children of the Most High, have found or are finding freedom of the Spirit in a new orientation to themselves and their world. These are <u>your</u> brothers and <u>mine</u>. In their misfortune, they are unable to undertake their financial obligations for membership and the extra costs involved. They look to you and me for proof that the Brotherhood of Man <u>can</u> be a reality . . . at least amongst those of us who walk the Path of Return. We are the ones who are giving our brothers behind prison walls the realization that man <u>is</u> his brother's keeper. From anti-social behavior to exalted spiritual brotherhood is no small jump. But this transmutation is being made!!

Last week as I entered the Temple to give my Thursday night class, approximately four years since this story began, I looked out and saw a pair of eyes that were glowing with a spiritual Radiance that could almost be called blinding. As soon as I finished my lecture, we rushed towards each other and embraced. Nor were we ashamed of the tears that caressed our cheeks.



"Ah, Rev. Davies," he cried, "this has been my dream . . . my image . . . my prayer. I have been released from prison five and a half years sooner than anticipated! You gave me back my faith in human nature . . . and in God. There is nothing I can ever do to remotely repay you and B.O.T.A. But I will try! I will try!"

I stroked the cheek of our brother there in open Temple, proud of our tears . . . grateful for the poignant beauty of this moment, as I answered, "Gold and silver have I none, but that which I have, I give unto you! Frater R, the beauty of Soul that looks out from behind your eyes today is worth any sacrifice any of us have made. Welcome home, my brother, welcome home!"



The human soul is a silent harp in God's quire, whose strings need only to be swept by the divine breath to chime in with the harmonies of creation.

HENRY DAVID THOREAU, *Journal*



HELP! ROBBER! MURDER! CHEAT! POLICE!

This is a cry that will not be heard in innumerable instances . . .
where it might have been!

TENDERNESS! RESPONSIBILITY! HONESTY! INTEGRITY! BROTHERHOOD!

These are characteristics being born into your world . . . and mine
. . . where they might NEVER have been!

Jesus did not hesitate to consort with publicans and sinners, and was heavily criticized for wine-bibbing and being friendly with social outcasts. So also with most of the great saints through history. BUILDERS OF THE ADYTUM is the University level of the Western Mystery School teaching and training as embodied in the Sacred Tarot and Holy Qabalah. Nevertheless, being dedicated to follow in the footsteps of the great Messiahs and Saints, its Aquarian Age responsibilities reach into many other areas.

WHAT IS PRISON?

While stone walls and bars are expressions of material prisons, the most confining prisons of all are uncharitableness, spiritual pride, social superiority complexes and the lack of true compassion that man practices against man.

ARE YOU YOUR BROTHER'S KEEPER?

Yes! Whoever you are who read these words, please know that there is no true joy in life, or lasting satisfaction, except the knowledge that we have shared with others in their time of need. These are the values we carry with us into Eternity. The Officers and Staff of B.O.T.A. have been privileged to make sacrifices so that our brothers behind prison walls will have available the riches of true spiritual transmutation. It is now essential that our members and friends share in this privilege. Those of you who have little of this world's goods could perhaps help by donating extra postage. Others could give small or large donations, according to your means. Some of you might wish to tithe, or sponsor a prison inmate's membership dues.

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* I WANT TO SHARE IN THE SERVICE OF L.V.X. (LIGHT) *

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CITY_____ZONE_____STATE_____

Enclosed please find $_____ to help defray the expenses of B.O.T.A. in its service to the Aquarian Age requirements.

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MAIL TO: B.O.T.A., 5105 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California 90042.

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(Reprinted by special permission from one of our brothers behind prison walls.)

18 September, 1963

Builders of the Adytum

Dear Cancellaria,

Countless greetings to you, and associate builders.



Your heart will rejoice and your spirit will be refreshed at the knowing that with the help of B.O.T.A. my soul has begun to triumph over the darkness of my transient sorrows. Since I began developing my spiritual consciousness through your lessons, life has taken on a new quality. In all my life I have never known such confidence and happiness. I'm now studying and producing in many areas heretofor unexplored, and the more I do, the wider becomes my vista . . . my life has taken on a wild sense of freedom . . . the motion of gliding on air currents.

The wind has almost become visible to me. I see birds flying through it. I see it wrap itself around the birds with just a slight caress. It would never be a prison; it would never want to clip my wings. It loves to see me fly, and I never feel lonely. I have this sense of freedom now within myself. I have a fearless honesty now that is beginning to communicate. I am not afraid of anything anymore. I don't care if I fail, for I can get up and try again; that was where I was hung-up before. I was afraid to get bad results . . . my ego couldn't stand it. Now I realize that I don't want to be anything . . . I just want to be! And now I laugh because there is no prison for my spirit!

No day goes by until I have wrested from my lessons some form of treasure to enrich my being, and you may rest assured that I shall be obedient hereafter in fulfilling my obligations. Therefore, I pray that you will continue to allow my soul the opportunity to grope through the darkness toward the light of you and the associates.

May the Deity continue to invigorate your life and mind.

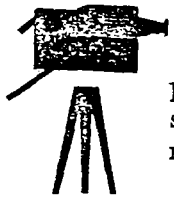
Fraternally yours in L.V.X.

R. C.

(For the protection of his identity, we delete name and place of incarceration.)

MORE PARANORMAL PHOTOGRAPHY

By Felix J. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor



In our last issue, I promised to show more of Arthur Von Salay's paranormal photography. Such photography, excluding fraud which is so often the case, falls in the strictly objective classification and is the most difficult for the skeptic to disclaim.

Several years ago, I had occasion to correspond with a well-known colleague, the late Browne Landone. I was curious to find out what, in his wide experience, the camera could see in the way of psychic phenomena, and what it could not. Obviously, when the camera sees something, it must be there, which is often not the case with people, who are often prone to hallucinations.

He replied with two instances . . . one negative and the other positive. In India he had witnessed the magical growth of a fruit tree which sprouted, grew to fair size and bore fruit . . . all within a matter of an hour or less. So he asked the magician's permission to photograph this event, which was granted. He first took a photograph of the bare ground and followed this with several more as the tree sprouted, grew up and bore fruit. Despite the fact that he and several others witnessed this seemingly impossible event, nothing but the bare ground showed on the negatives when he developed them. We may speculate as to what they all saw, or thought they saw, but the camera saw nothing.

The positive instance concerned a Hindu holy man. While seated on the temple's steps, he would slowly disappear from view and as slowly reappear again. Once more permission to photograph was asked and granted. He was first photographed at the beginning of the demonstration. This negative showed the holy man sitting on the steps, but subsequent negatives showed only the steps . . . no holy man! Neither the camera nor the witnesses had moved during either of these two performances. Mr. Landone suggested that I draw my own conclusions, since he had none to offer me . . . just the bare facts.



I had read that the western branch of occultism, in one of its practices, taught certain disciplines which enabled the aspirant to become invisible, but I never imagined that I would be so fortunate as to get a photograph of such a weird event. Imagine my surprise when my colleague, Arthur Von Salay, years later, told me that he had practiced this specific discipline for years and finally had been able very nearly, but not quite, to disappear. Feeling that he was getting somewhere with his efforts, he had set up his camera, placed a lighted electric bulb on a stand some feet away, and then stood between his camera and the light. He had held a remote control shutter button in his hand, and when he felt he might be accomplishing his desire, he would push the button and take his picture. Finally he was successful, or at least partially so, and got the picture shown herewith. In this picture, the camera is looking squarely at Von Salay. Normally it cannot see the light bulb and stand, since he is standing directly in front of them. But in this picture, you will note that the camera does see (continued on next page)

MORE PARANORMAL PHOTOGRAPHY (cont.)

the light bulb and stand. Obviously it had to look through Von Salay to see these items. Again, Von Salay would have to become transparent for this to happen. Thus he was fading from view as this picture was taken. He doubts that he ever succeeded in disappearing altogether, although he well may have done so without pictorial evidence of it.

My twenty years of intermittent psychic research with Arthur have taught me that he is a good metaphysician and occult aspirant, more prone to underrate rather than overrate his accomplishments. Furthermore, as a good occultist, he has become less and less interested in purely psychic phenomena, finally realizing, as I have, that much evolutionary time can be wasted in the pursuit of psychism for psychism's sake alone.

One pressing need today is for less publicity on how to stay young and more on how to grow up. —Prints of Paris

THE PERSONAL TOUCH



From Your Supersensory Snooper



The spirit of Independence was rampant on July 11 when the Thursday night class again gathered for an evening of fun. They boldly announced their freedom from conformity by changing the conventional July 4 date of Independence Day to July 11.

Entertainment Committee Chairman, Charlene Washburn started the fireworks by singing "I Want to Live" in her incomparably lively and exquisite style. The Rev. Ann Davies portrayed her one night liberty from the dignity that her station demands by singing "A Little Bit Independent", to the delight of the audience.



Costumes included a farm girl  , a Red-Coat  and a beachcomber. Prizes were given for the most daring (Anna Spencer), most comical (Felix Frazer), and the most touching (Robert Justice) skits.





The unforgettable highlight of the evening came when the entire party participated in a Ritual of Light. Each member lit a candle from a flaming source and placed the light in symbolic arrangement to express Enlightenment as portrayed by the Lightning Flash in Tarot Key No. 16. Meditation with special powerful Western Mantras was projected to aid the group in freeing themselves from the old outworn prison patterns of yesterday.



The refreshment feast that followed was under the direction of Helena Migdalek. Once again the therapy of love, laughter and relaxation was used to help Aspirants remove the shackles of undue dependence upon conventions and negative inhibitions.

THE LIGHT SHINETH IN THE DARKNESS . . .

. . . AND THE DARKNESS COMPREHENDETH AT LAST!

Rays of Illumination from Seven Prisons and Prison Camps

(For the protection of identity, we use initials only.)

. . . Truly I say, I've been born again. It's too wonderful to try to explain. Everything that happens now is a development of powers within me and is seen from an entirely different viewpoint than that which I had in the past.

J. L.



. . . After reading the clear statements, it was as if a cloud had been lifted, and I was elevated to heights before unknown to me. For the first time in my life, I have a keen perception of who and what I really am.

R. J.

. . . For the first time, I am feeling a "belongingness" - a part of the Master Plan. For this I am most grateful to all my Fellow Builders.

B. B. H.

. . . Since becoming an Aspirant of the Ancient Wisdom, I have undergone varied experiences, none of which I have known before. First, I surged forward with a capacity of interest and a sense of direction which virtually scooped me up from the drab trend of my life. Then I entered a period of "mental revolution". My old thought standards were being eradicated. Things and people around me were no longer impressing me in the manner of the past. I was being completely disarmed of the old criteria by which I thought and acted. All of this was the effect of my B. O. T. A. study. For the very first time ever, I feel with certitude that I am traveling upward from the mire of ignorance, in which I had been submerged, toward the height on which the Hermit stands.

F. G.

. . . From the very first page, I became aware of the jewels of wisdom so eagerly awaiting my comprehension and receptivity. These lessons have brought a wealth of enlightenment and change of attitude toward others into my experience.

H. L. B.

. . . I have followed the instructions as designated in Tarot . . . and realize the wisdom and understanding they contain can help me to pursue a life of peace and usefulness and the ability to utilize the powers of the One Force.

E. B.

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THE LIGHT SHINETH . . . (Cont.)

. . . The benefit I have received from these lessons is beyond belief. I didn't know there was so much to be known.

E. J.



. . . The lessons are studied daily. The Keys are looked at and meditated on for the period set. They are very profound . . . the results are manifesting in my life daily. I have never known anything that could attempt doing what these studies have done for me.

J. M.



. . . You shall never fully realize what trend of thought you have generated in this aspirant. To the exclusion of all else, I have sworn to become an active and honorable member of humanity.

L. M. G.

I SOUGHT MY SOUL,
BUT MY SOUL I COULD NOT SEE.
I SOUGHT MY GOD,
BUT MY GOD ELUDED ME.
I SOUGHT MY BROTHER,
AND I FOUND ALL THREE.

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

NEWS FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD



As we go to press, the Rev. Ann Davies has not yet returned from her significant journey to New Zealand.

Our Prolocutor General, whose international fame increases fantastically with each new lecture tour, is due to return to Los Angeles the 1st of October. She has been on a six week's tour of New Zealand, which included public and private lecture engagements.

As the foremost living exponent of the Mystery School Teachings of Tarot and Qabalah, the response to her lectures has been more than gratifying. The impact of her spiritually powerful personality awakens Supersensory Awareness in an extraordinary percentage of Aspirants, inspiring a new and dedicated interest in Esoteric teachings wherever she goes. This has been reconfirmed by the flow of mail from New Zealand we have been receiving in the last few weeks.

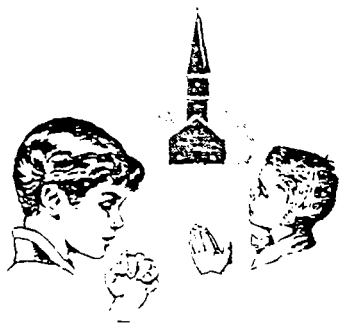
One of the most important purposes of her trip was to personally charter a Pronaos of B. O. T. A. in New Zealand in order to solidify our link with that continent. This is important because its location below the equator closely correlates with our location at Headquarters above the equator.

This link will help to equalize the special Universal energies involving the equator and the electo-magnetic energies of the Poles for the specific purpose of bringing in more spiritual power to accelerate the evolution of humanity as a whole.

Our Spiritual Director, Ann Davies, has appointed Mr. Alastair Wallace to act as head of the New Zealand branch of BUILDERS OF THE ADYTUM. We wish to congratulate our beloved and devoted Frater Alastair Wallace and to express our deepest love to him for so freely dedicating his time and considerable talents to the Great Work.

FAITH and PRAYER

By Harriet B. Case, Grand Cancellaria



"Thus saith the Lord: Seek ye me and ye shall live."

In times of stress and danger, of sorrow and great pain, it is natural for all men, no matter what their religion, to call upon God for help. But when all goes well, how often they forget to pray!

And what is prayer, some may ask? Is it not just a petition, the asking of some boon, or to relieve us of our difficulties or suffering? It is true that in answer to a sincere prayer, God will always send us the strength to bear the heavy burden, the courage to endure the pain or sorrow. But we cannot expect to be relieved of all our difficulties, for without tests and trials, how would we grow in character and strength of Soul?

Prayer should be an endeavor to get in touch with God, the God within; to know His Will for us and for mankind; to listen for the inner Voice; to become co-workers with that Will, as shown in Tarot Key No. 5, the Heirophant. This is the kind of prayer St. Paul mentioned so often when he said, "Pray unceasingly", which means a turning within and communing with the Real Self or God Self. The secret of man's power lies in identification with his true Self, or the God within. This implies an awareness that God is not a person or a power afar off, but the very life, light, love and power at the center of our being, and at the same time it is "In Him that we live and move and have our being". This true prayer is an attitude of heart and mind.

It implies faith in the constant availability of the limitless power, supply, love and protection of the ONE Life in any situation or circumstance. Jesus said: "If ye have faith, nothing shall be impossible to you." Many persons think of faith as meaning only some particular religion, such as the Protestant faith or the Catholic faith. Few understand faith as a creative power which cannot fail to create whatever is desired. Yet here one must observe caution. Because, if one's desires are selfish, the results may be disastrous. Having received that which we asked for, we may wish that we had not so prayed, but instead had only asked to be guided in all our thoughts and desires, that daily and hourly we might fulfill the Divine plan and pattern for our life. This living force, if evoked by faith, can be used for good or evil. It is the motive behind its use which brings constructive or destructive results.

If the inner meaning of the prayer "Thy Will be done on earth" is rightly understood, then it will be clear, to all who have insight, that it is man who must do it; as centers of expression for the One Life and Will, how else can it be done except by men working to bring about God's perfect plan through Divine guidance?

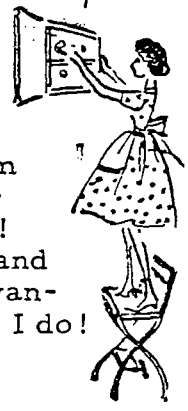
It is just this acceptance of Divine guidance, and the ordering of one's daily life and actions in accordance with That guidance, which gives man the strength he needs to overcome all difficulties . . . and by that overcoming to gain an inner peace which will sustain him through every trial, no matter how hard . . . and will fill his heart with joyous expectation and give him new perceptions of beauty.

MARTIN LUTHER: None can believe how powerful prayer is, and what it is able to effect, but those who have learned it by experience.

A CASE HISTORY (cont.)

I realize now the whole thing was my fault. I was inviting misery so I could feel martyred and spiritual. Thank you again.

D.R.



Sept. 1, 1963

Dear D. R.:

Now that you're a free soul again with plenty of Martian strength, I'm certain that your masculine magnetism has increased. I hope your new-found independence won't make you <u>too</u> indomitable with the <u>right</u> people! Inasmuch as you have the temperament that loves and needs to befriend and help others . . . how about coming to our Temple and letting <u>us</u> take advantage of your compassionate nature? I'm a girl . . . and do I need help? I do!

Soror A

EVEN if a man could understand women, he still wouldn't believe it.

—Harold Coffin

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

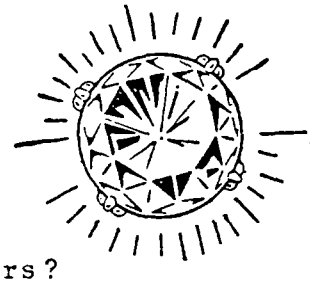
+++ Ever since the Rev. Ann Davies gave a course on Esoteric Astrology several years ago, we have been flooded with requests to have this fascinating series again. So, by popular demand, beginning Thursday night, October 3, 1963 at 8:00 P.M., and repeated Monday afternoons at 1:30, the Rev. Ann Davies will present her new class series entitled <u>ESOTERIC ASTROLOGY OF TAROT</u>. She will give personal instruction in the secret Astrology of the Ancient Mystery Schools. This is <u>not</u> a course in ordinary Astrology, but the Esoteric Astrology revealed <u>only</u> through Tarot and Qabalah.

+++ Sunday services are conducted each Sunday at 11:00 A.M. by the Rev. Ann Davies. Those who have been attending regularly have commented on the heightened spiritual perception and healing help they have gained through participation in the Invocation of the Diving Names and Qabalistic Chant (Mantra Yoga of the West), which is now a permanent part of the service.

HELP ME THE SLOW OF HEART TO MOVE
BY SOME CLEAR, WINNING WORD OF LOVE;
TEACH ME THE WAYWARD FEET TO STAY,
AND GUIDE THEM IN THE HOMEWARD WAY.

—WASHINGTON GLADDEN

I AM THE DIAMOND

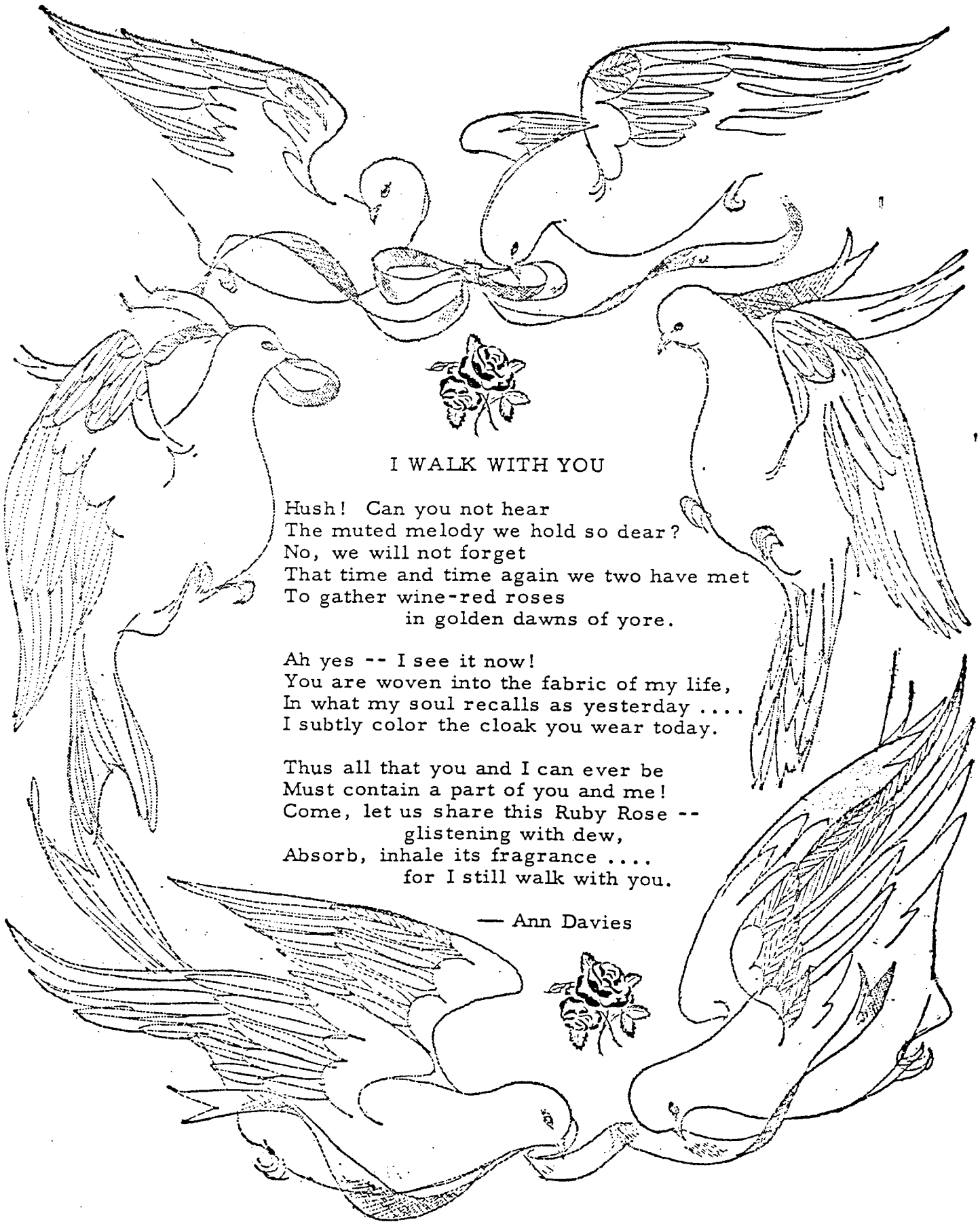


I Am the diamond in the Center, - of many facets,
each one cut upon the wheel of life;

And through these facets I analyze the light,
break it down - and send it out.

Oh Israel !
Know you not the meaning of the cloak of many colors?

— Grace Gaudy, Companion Builder



I WALK WITH YOU

Hush! Can you not hear
The muted melody we hold so dear?
No, we will not forget
That time and time again we two have met
To gather wine-red roses
in golden dawns of yore.

Ah yes -- I see it now!
You are woven into the fabric of my life,
In what my soul recalls as yesterday ....
I subtly color the cloak you wear today.

Thus all that you and I can ever be
Must contain a part of you and me!
Come, let us share this Ruby Rose --
glistening with dew,
Absorb, inhale its fragrance ....
for I still walk with you.

— Ann Davies

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[☞ Editor's note:- Due to innumerable requests from our members and friends about the mystical experiences of our Prolocutor General, Ann Davies, she has finally consented to share with you some of her fourth dimensional awarenesses (these having started in her early childhood). We are herewith commencing a series which will portray many of her supersensory perceptions, in order to help illustrate the Reality which underlies physical manifestation.]

MY MYSTICAL UNIVERSE

(Part I)

By The Rev. Ann Davies, Prolocutor General



I have often been asked, "At what age and under what circumstances did you first experience Cosmic Consciousness?"

Apparently, I was born with it, though I did have a period during adolescence when a special aspect of my Cosmic Awareness receded from me temporarily.

Every night (since at least the age of three) I performed a private ritual of my own. As soon as I was settled in bed I would review the occurrences of that particular day and ask myself, "Was this day happy, or unhappy?" Then I would go on to review my life as it appeared to me, and I would ask myself, "Am I basically happy or unhappy?" My decision was usually "unhappy", in view of the fact that I lived not with my parents, but with strangers . . . unwanted . . . unloved . . . uncared for.

I would then ask myself the further question, "Am I glad I was borned?" I very specifically remember asking myself the question in this ungrammatical manner night after night.

Finally, I would start thinking about the possible future, and I would say to myself in essence: "After all, I am just a little girl, and some day I will grow up and I will have the love I do not have now. Maybe I will meet someone as wonderful as Ramon Navarro." (I was passionately in love with this movie hero, though I must confess that I later substituted Bill Boyd as my 'enamorato'.) I envisioned a picture of the future wherein I would be a damsel in distress, (continued on next page)



being rescued by my knight in shining armour and live happily ever after. The adventure of my possible future enchanted me.

At just about this point, I would become aware of a vibratory change taking place inside of me, and my heart gave itself with delight and welcome to the vibrations that swept me into a state of Cosmic Consciousness. I floated in an infinite ocean that had neither beginning nor ending; of which I partook and which partook of me. This ocean was SUPER-CONSCIOUSNESS. The qualities of Consciousness that it imbued me with were awarenesses of infinite Love, Peace, Bliss; the same Love, Peace, Bliss often described as Samadhi by our Eastern brethren. Analyzing my states of Consciousness each morning, I concluded that there were two levels of Consciousness that were REAL and one state which I considered unreal. I was certain that my waking awareness and also my Samadhi Consciousness were both REAL, but that my dream state was unreal. I would ponder the problem, trying to understand how I could float, in an Infinite Ocean of Universal Substance, yet not get wet or have a problem with breathing. The only conclusion I could arrive at was that it was a level of awareness where the quality of this particular Infinite Beingness was above and beyond the ability of my conscious waking state to fully comprehend as yet.

I spent every night of my entire childhood floating in Beginningless, Endless, Love-Peace-Bliss. Indeed, were it not for the nourishment I received from this Divine Source, I now realize that I could never have survived the unusual childhood I had.

Between the ages of five and six, I had an extraordinary Illumination which enlarged my Awareness and brought me recognition of the ability of Cosmic Consciousness to manifest in and through the physical universe. This particular experience I will relate to you in my next article in this series in a future issue of the ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES.



GIVE ME OF THY LOVE

By Ann Davies, at age 12

Dear God, my prayer.

I wander through the mist of time . . . alone.
Give me of Thy love!

I stumble over rock-strewn paths.
I am lost and weary!

Give me a love that holds me close through days and
nights of life's unfolding dream,
A love that shares with me the heights and depths
of every trembling moment.

My soul hungers, dear God.
Thy Grace bestow.
Give me Thy love!

This my humble prayer, I send on wings of yearning!

Amen.



INTERNATIONAL TUG-OF-LOVE

between

HEADQUARTERS

and

NEW ZEALAND

— HEMISPHERIC IMBROGLIO —

The following documented communications tell the story . . . . . .

Aug. 14, 1963 *(Day of Ann Davies' departure for New Zealand)*

Dear Fratres and Sorores (Brothers and Sisters) of B.O.T.A.: We are now ready to receive our Greatly Honored Soror, Ann Davies. A great amount of work has been done in preparation for her visit, so don't worry about her, as we will see to her welfare in all ways. Believe me, we are very much aware of all of you at Headquarters and the love that flows so freely. There is such a sense of being related. With Fraternal blessings in L.V.X. to all, (signed) Alastair Wallace, Administrative Director, N.Z. Branch of B.O.T.A.

Aug 21, 1963

Dear Frater Alastair Wallace and all our Fratres and Sorores in N.Z.: You will never know how difficult it was for us to let our Spiritual Director, Ann Davies, travel so far from headquarters. However, inasmuch as we have her all of the time, it would be most unspiritual of us not to share her with you for a mere six weeks. We know you will take good care of her for us. Love and blessings, (signed) Headquarters BOTA.



Aug. 26, 1963

Dear Headquarters: Your very lovable P.G. (Prolocutor General) arrived safely and has been received here by all our members with loving care. She has successfully accomplished a one-woman invasion of this country and now reigns supreme. Her public appearances have been conducted with great dignity and grace. As she radiates such love, the normal reserves of our British stock have already been forgotten and everyone hugs and kisses at sessions in a manner which surprises everyone except our Ann. I doubt very much if you are going to get her back, and can only suggest that we transfer the entire B.O.T.A. staff to New Zealand (including Kurtis Wollgien). We have already torn up her Airways ticket, and we are all working as a team to keep her right here. We got our Pronaos established yesterday; it was a wonderful meeting. My love to all, (signed) Alastair Wallace.



Sept. 1, 1963

Dear Frater Alastair: You have created great consternation at Headquarters by your unfraterly gesture in threatening to steal our P.G. (continued on next page)

INTERNATIONAL TUG-OF-LOVE (cont.)



from us! If the only problem was with the staff here, we might arrange a transfer of personnel to N. Z., but the trouble is, we have already been informed that the majority of our local BOTA members would want to follow. Such a mass exodus from California to N. Z. would be sure to create an International Situation. We appeal to the spiritual side of your nature. For the sake of World Peace, please paste the ticket back together and deliver our P. G. back to us on the date previously arranged. After all, our countries have had a friendly alliance for over a century. Do you want to be responsible for straining it? We are trying very hard to be spiritual about this disturbing situation. Love and blessings, (signed) Headquarters, BOTA.

Sept. 8, 1963 *(Ominous sign: No answer from Frater Alastair as yet !!!)*

Meanwhile . . . . . Dear Fratres and Sorores at Headquarters: Our membership is increasing steadily as a result of our G. H. Soror Ann's visit and her quite wonderful lectures. A good solid foundation on which to build the future is being created. The New Zealand branch will be with you for a long time, I know. However, I think in all fairness I should warn you that despite my loyalty to Headquarters, I am backing Frater Alastair and the other N. Z. members in the determination to keep Ann Davies in N. Z. Fraternally yours in L.V.X. (signed) Richard Hartshorn, Executive Sec'y., N. Z. Branch of B.O.T.A.

Sept. 15, 1963 *(Ominous sign: It looks like Frater Alastair is gathering powerful troops behind his dastardly plot !!! More letters are being received . . . . . .)*

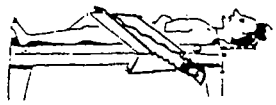


Dear B.O.T.A. Headquarters: Our G. H. Soror Ann has brought such a stream of power and love to N. Z. that, believe me, the reaction upon my husband and myself is a true miracle. We want all of you to know that we are happier people now because we know that Ann IS, and because we are now studying the wonderful B.O.T.A. lessons. Even if we never see her again, we are still blessed because we have been privileged to meet our true Teacher! Our love and blessings and gratitude to all of you for sending her to us. (signed) B.N., Auckland, N. Z.

Sept. 23, 1963 (AT LAST! - *word from Frater Alastair Wallace* - A COMPROMISE OFFERED!!)



Dear Fratres and Sorores of B.O.T.A.: It would be quite impossible to describe the impact our Ann has had on people here. It's quite fantastic! People have experienced Spiritual Awakenings all over the place, and many wept openly at our farewell meeting yesterday. We do not want Ann to go home, but will reluctantly put her on the plane on due date. You can therefore all relax, as she is coming back to you. It will, however, now be necessary for her to visit New Zealand frequently, and you will simply have to share her with us. Please extend love and greetings to all, and tell them that their lovable P.G. has taken us by storm, and that we now claim a half share. Love, (signed) Alastair Wallace. (



?? 50% ??)

Sept. 24, 1963 (ANOTHER CAPITULATION!)

Dear B.O.T.A. Headquarters: Soror Ann has just arrived at my office to be taken to Pan Am to verify her return travel arrangements. The thought (cont. on next page)

of her leaving us is dreadful, but have no fear; we shall not attempt to keep her here after all. Our consciences got the best of us. Love, (signed) Richard Hartshorn.

(S I G H O F R E L I E F ! ! *Our P.G. is returning to us.* W E W O N ! ! !)

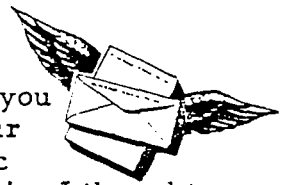
Sept. 30, 1963



Dear Brothers and Sisters in America: So distant in miles, but now so close to my heart. How could you bear to have parted with this most beloved Ann? Thank you, thank you. We return her to you with sorrowing gratitude. We have been so blessed. It really makes me quite dazed to imagine being without her. Having now found B.O.T.A. and the truly college level esoteric teachings that your lessons expound, my purpose in having stayed on in N. Z. from my native Scotland has resolved itself! Please accept the warmth, love and appreciation I send. (signed) D. McD.

(They seem to appreciate our P.G. and B.O.T.A. so much that we feel a bit sorry for them. However, we don't know whether we can trust them with her again!)

Oct. 1, 1963



Beloved Soror Ann: No doubt many letters will weave their way to you from N. Z. on the wings of the love you kindled in the hearts of your Fratres and Sorores. This one finds its way to you by the magnetic power of love in the heart of your sister in the Mystic 'enemy camp'. I thought perhaps you would like to hear the comment of our child, an eight-year-old who met you at the farewell tea. While we were driving home, there was suddenly a deep sigh from the back seat, with the exclamation: "Gee, I feel holy!" Remembering my rather uneasy feeling about "holiness" at that age, I asked her how that felt. "Oh, very, very good!" was the reply. Really! out of the mouths of babes! Love and blessings, (signed) M. O., New Zealand.



(Even children feel the power -- a future B.O.T.A. member, we are sure. But we still don't trust those N.Z. adults!)

Oct. 2, 1963

Beloved G. H. Soror Ann: Parting from your physical presence was hard indeed, but although parted in body, I feel the nearness of you at all times, and I know that time and distance are no barrier. Because of you I feel so close to my brethren in Los Angeles, and I now study the marvelous B.O.T.A. lessons with renewed impetus . . . . . We wish you a safe return to your American family, and we look forward with happiness to the day when you will be with us again . . . . . My love is always yours, in L.V.X. (signed) Y. S., New Zealand.

(After being showered with other letters of like vein, we are beginning to feel very sorry for them. If only we were certain they would not make another kidnap attempt, we might be willing to negotiate.)

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INTERNATIONAL TUG-OF-LOVE (cont.)

Oct. 3, 1963



Dear Fratres and Sorores in Los Angeles: We are all still very sad at parting with our beloved Soror, who is loved by one and all here. To say that she was a smash hit in New Zealand is an understatement. The truth is, to use an American expression, she really "sent" us. At the farewell lecture, both men and women openly wept, and in a British community, that simply isn't done. At the airport our members broke through the Customs barrier to be with her till the last moment -- and that simply isn't allowed by Her Majesty's Customs. We had our first Pronaos meeting on our own last night, and the Temple was packed. Everyone is truly enthusiastic about B.O.T.A. teachings. The portrait of our P.G., painted by Soror Zambucka, now hangs in the Temple, instead of the outer chamber, at the request of the entire Pronaos. Also, you may be interested to know that we have already raised close to two-thirds of the amount required to finance the next visit of our P.G. to New Zealand. You should all be aware of love, coming to you from us, for it is very potent stuff. Love and blessings, (signed) Alastair Wallace.

(We now feel profoundly compassionate towards our N.Z. brethren, since they are all feeling so much sorrow in parting with our P.G. -- and they <u>are</u> sending us so much love. Therefore, we have agreed to these:

TERMS OF PEACE

75% of Ann Davies belongs to Los Angeles Headquarters.

25% we will agree to loan to New Zealand, provided they never try to <u>steal</u> her away again.

Rest assured, however, that we have continued to pour our Love and Blessings to our spiritual family in N.Z., despite the fact that they are still propagandizing for a 50% share.)

FOOTNOTE:- 

Our report of the New Zealand trip as given above speaks for itself. However, we want to further mention that the linking of Spiritual Energies that has now been accomplished under the direction of the Master R has already successfully brought a greater influx of mystical awakenings to aspirants and participants both above and below the equator. The polarization of the Universal Energies which this link has solidified makes possible a significant step forward in the Great Plan of the Aquarian Age for the speeding up of the evolution of all humanity.



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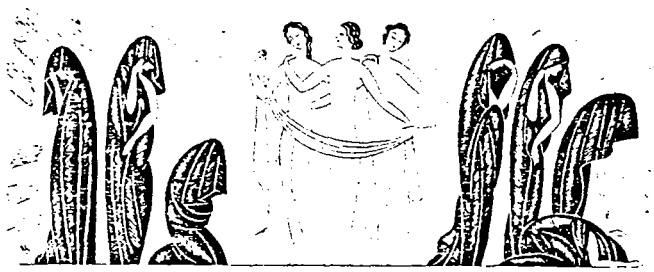
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THE VALUE OF EXPERIENCE

By Harriet B. Case, Grand Cancellaria



It has been our premise that the happenings and conditions of our present life have resulted from actions and attitudes performed and expressed in other lives. We have always claimed that experience was the great teacher, that through our varied experiences we make Soul growth and build character. It is how we react to experiences that matters, whether we make stepping-stones or stumbling blocks out of those experiences which our life-pattern brings us.

The value of experience lies in the ability of the person to accept facts without prejudice or addiction to opinions, and to have the capacity to accept instruction with an open mind. So many of us seem to have perfected, through ages of evasion, a technique which impels us to avoid, or refuse to face squarely, that which is uncomfortable or unpleasant. We are reluctant to admit that we could be wrong then, and tend to blame others or "fate" for our misfortunes. The more a person comes to think of himself as a "victim" of circumstances, or of "dark forces" working against him, the less is he able to see the truth concerning himself or the situation in which he finds himself. To feel that he is a "victim" seems to explain everything, but of course it solves nothing. For can he learn what is really significant if he has decided that he is being unjustly treated by his associates, or by life in general? It is only a step from being victimized to being martyred, and for many - in their ignorance - how soul satisfying that is!

We believe that there is a plan and pattern in the Mind of God for the evolution of life and consciousness on this planet, collectively and individually, and in fact we cannot afford for a moment to go contrary to the currents of space and the Will of the Infinite. The purpose of those contacts which we call experience is to reveal the larger plan for the human race. Even though the Divine Nature has been misinterpreted theologically, the essential need for the concept of a sovereign intelligence, which regulates and plans, is not diminished. One can really grow when one believes that growth is possible, and thus gain knowledge, wisdom and inspiration by cooperating with the necessary program. And another thing to remember is that any pressures — social, religious, conventional — which limit our ability to think for ourselves, ultimately weaken us and prevent us from cooperating on a higher and more progressive level of conduct. Man grows more rapidly when free from tensions, and analysis has indicated that wherever the emotions are deeply prejudiced, there is marked intensity, resulting in tension and a closed mind.

Each of us could be happier and more cheerful under the responsibilities which we bear if we recognized each burden or trial as an opportunity for self-improvement, and we should no longer wail, "Why has this happened to me?", but instead realize that the happening was inevitable because of our own personality pattern. Our attitudes are magnets which draw to themselves that which is of like nature. Resentment draws resentment. Fear enlarges fear.

A very wise author speaking of the importance of having a solid sense of humor said: "If we were not so serious in our egocentricities and did not have such an inordinate respect for our own ignorance, life would be easier." (Cont. on next page)

THE VALUE OF EXPERIENCE (Cont.)

We are not in this world merely to suffer. Such a concept of the universal plan is unthinkable. Although it is true that the process of growth is often painful, it is due to man's resistance to change and obedience to the laws of nature. When analyzed critically, the cause of the pain is in the individual and not in the event or circumstance. We can all grow pleasantly, lovingly and happily, but to do so we must free ourselves from pride, hypersensitivity and the impulse to return ill for ill. Also, we need to have an abiding faith in the perfection of the Divine plan, which will one day manifest Its full beauty, glory and perfection as more and more units of the ONE become consciously aware of who and what they really are.

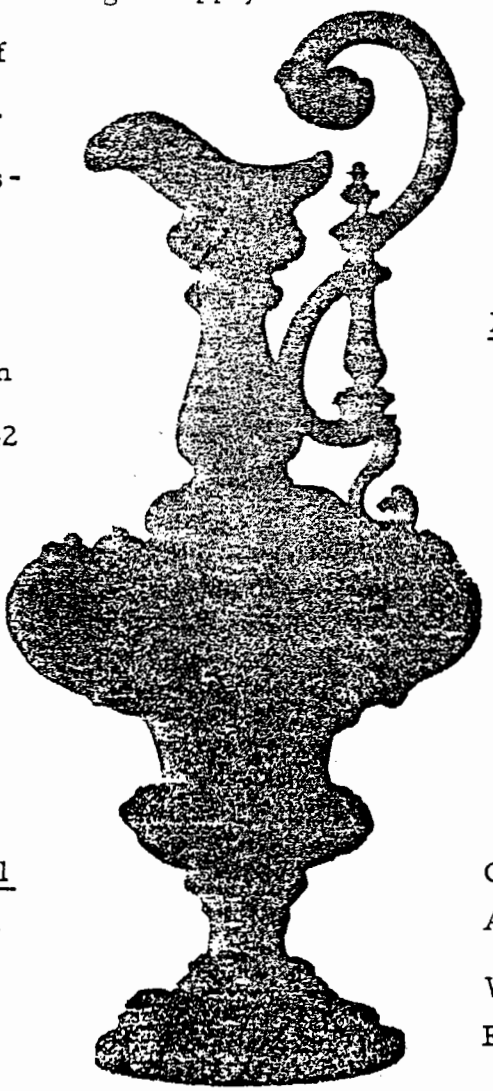
"According to the experts, the three most difficult words to pronounce are 'I was mistaken'."

—H. C. DIEFENBACH

PRONAOS ACTIVITIES

We invite all those who live in areas where we have established Pronaos groups to avail themselves of this opportunity. Any B.O.T.A. member in good standing may come as a guest before deciding to apply for initiation into Pronaos.

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A CASE HISTORY FROM OUR FILES



June 30, 1963

Dear B.O.T.A.

I have read, with interest, your advice to others in the Adytum News-Notes and hope you will be able to help me too. I recently lost my husband — to another woman. He simply explained that he was hopelessly in love with this woman and could not live without her. After holding out for awhile, I finally realized that even though we had been married for 25 years, I did not own him. He had a right to happiness, so I let him go. It was not a perfect marriage, and we had few interests in common after the children were grown; but he was a good man, and I felt that in losing him my entire life was being uprooted. Shortly thereafter I began studying with B.O.T.A. The lessons have helped so much, but I still feel alone and lost. The picture of me as the rejected, unlovable woman is difficult to lose. I am unable to stop thinking of how things used to be. They seem better in retrospect than they actually were, I suppose, but what else is there for me? Have you any suggestions as to how I should use my studies to help me accept my loss?



D. R.

July 10, 1963

Dear D. R.

It is natural to feel sorry when life is suddenly and finally changed from a pattern in which you have lived for so long. Perhaps a different attitude towards change itself will help. We are told in our studies to welcome change and realize that life has something new and better in store for us when the old world drops away. You admit you and your husband were in a rut with little to share after the children were grown. You have found B.O.T.A. studies a wonderful new world of knowledge. The thing to do now is to put this knowledge into practice. Create for yourself a new life by inviting and preparing for new experience., It will not come until you release yourself from attachment to the past. If you hold on to the old and grieve over it, you keep new and interesting things from occurring. Nothing is more inimicable to growth than a static life. Start with your physical appearance and change it for the better. This will help build your confidence and dispel the unlovable image you carry of yourself. Get yourself a job, or get into other activities where you will meet a lot of new people, especially men. Anticipate a fascinating new life, and you will be giving your subconsciousness the right suggestion that you are ready for it. It will inevitably come, and you will be wiser for the experience.



Soror A



Dec. 12, 1963

Dear Soror A:

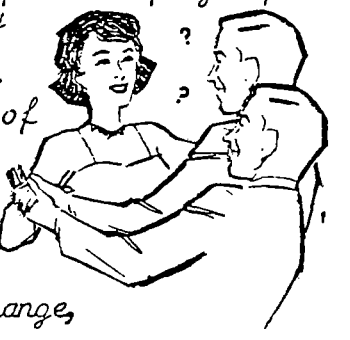
The answer you gave me made me realize I was simply afraid of the future and crying over the loss of a life that held no more surprises — only security. Without this sudden seeming-catastrophe, I would have finished my life with little growth of consciousness because I was too self-satisfied with my home, old friends, etc. I would never have joined B.O.T.A., and what a loss that would (cont. on next page)

A CASE HISTORY (Cont.)





have been! The idea of welcoming and preparing for change caught my fancy when you wrote to me. I immediately went out and had a new hairdo for a start. Then I looked for more fashionable, attractive clothes. It was amazing what just this much did for me. I had been carrying the picture of me as rejected, unlovely and unloved so accurately that everyone I met agreed with it. This was now changing. Next, I took a brush-up course in office work, which I had not done since my marriage, and subsequently found a job in a large manufacturing company where I knew I would meet many people. The picture of myself was now entirely different. I felt self-confident, attractive, gay and very lovable. What a difference in how others treated me! I was soon being invited to parties, told how attractive and interesting I was, and having a general ball! Actually now I am in a bit of a dilemma. Two charming men wish to marry me and, at present, I haven't decided which one to choose, if either, because it is such fun to be sought after. Now I wish there were more hours in the day. Rest assured I never neglect my studies. It is because I have learned to carry the wisdom of B.O.T.A. teachings into my life that it is so full. I have let go of the past and welcomed change, and am I enjoying it!



D. R.



Dec. 18, 1963

Dear D. R.

Two charming men and you don't know which one to choose! With such a delightful dilemma on your hands, we now consider you one of our prize students. If there must be 'conflict' in this world, I cast my vote for your kind!

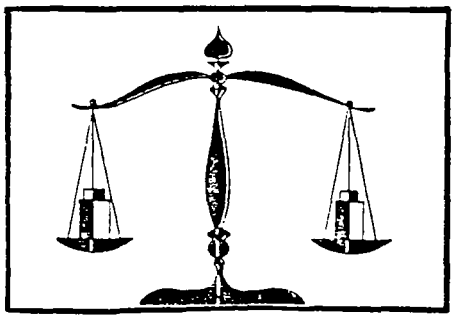
Soror A

No wife expects her husband to repay the debt he owes her. All she asks is that he keep up the interest.

COMPENSATION

There is a Law of Compensation, we are told,
Where Loss is Gain - we can't hold to the old
And grasp the new.

The pains of living are swallowed up in love and the joy of giving.



Each mountain has its valley, too, Each stormy sky its azure hue

Each beginning is an end of that which was before
And each ending contains the future's seed in store.

— Dorothy Howley, Associate Builder

IF A MAN DIE . . . ?

By Felix J. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor



In Act 3. Scene 1, Hamlet soliloquizes about the undiscovered country "from whose bourne no traveller returns". With this familiar quotation I am frankly very much fed up. It surprises me that the ultra-wise Shakespeare ever wrote it. Not only is ancient literature filled with accounts of such returns, but also the reports of many modern scientific researchers, people who bow to no religion in their search for truth, are filled with well attested and documented instances where the evidence points very clearly to the survival after death of the human spirit.

The most usual disclaimer comes from the pseudo-wise, who mistakenly believe they have made their case when they ask: "If survival is a fact, why didn't Houdini come back and give his wife the agreed-upon code?" The answer to that one is, of course, that that is precisely what he did do, and it was so attested to by his wife, the only one who knew the code.

Another one you often hear is: "Why do your alleged returning travellers never tell us anything we don't already know?" This question, like the one above, betrays an abysmal ignorance of the facts. The Whymant case, to cite but one out of hundreds, recounts an instance where Dr. Whymant, considered the greatest living scholar in the field of archaic languages, held a lengthy conversation with a "trance voice" coming from the vocal chords of an ignorant medium. The Chinese of 2,500 years ago was spoken. A Confucious poem, considered hopelessly obscure and corrupt by scholars was recited by the voice and given a corrected emendation . . . and for good measure, some fourteen other languages were spoken. (This is called Xenoglossis by scientific psychic researchers.)

And how about the case of the little boy of four, reported by Louisa B. Rhine of Duke University, in which this child, who could neither read nor write, nevertheless scribbled in shorthand, without a single error, a message from his recently deceased father to his widowed mother, giving the location of a bank vault box and other vital information needed for the settlement of the estate? Yes, the father wrote shorthand!

This case is similar to one which I investigated, in which an elderly and very wealthy widow received a comprehensive and legal will through automatic writing while in a somnambulistic state. In this condition, her grandfather, a famed lawyer of his day, appeared to her and had her write at dictation. The following day, she went to her own lawyer and handed him her night-time dictation. He read it several times and then told her it was the most extraordinary document he had ever read. Her big and complicated estate was logically and legally bequeathed to members of her family, charitable trusts, etc., and later passed through probate without a hitch. What intrigued her lawyer was the legal language of past generations in which the will was written, Yes, her grandfather had devoted his entire practice to wills, trusts, and the like.

Then we have the cross-correspondences which went on for some twenty years under the aegis of the English SPR. Automatists in different parts of the world, often unknown to each other and ignorant of the classics, wrote fragments wrapped up in conundrums, which when unravelled and interpreted by scholars connected with the English Society could only be attributed to classicists who in life had been connected with the Society. (Continued on next page)

IF A MAN DIE ... ? (Continued)

And how about the Patience Worth scripts? . . . and the lengthy discussion on the higher mathematics which I once held with a lady in deep trance who had never even attended high school? . . . the return of Betty White proven beyond the shadow of a doubt? . . . Conan Doyle's posthumous warning to his race-driver son that his car's steering gear was defective, thus avoiding a track tragedy? . . . and so on, and on, and on.

In Occultism we do not encourage the spiritual aspirant to dabble in psychic matters. Psychism is full of illusion, delusion and snares. It is up to the scientific psychic researcher to bring us our verifications, for he is trained to know how to separate the wheat from the chaff, just as it is up to our electricians to know how to safely install electricity.

Agnosticism and skepticism can go only just so far. Then ignorance and prejudice take over and deliberately cloud the plain and affirmative answer to the most important and momentous question the human race can ask. Yes, the river Jordan has been forded innumerable times in both directions. God's many mansions have intercommunicating doors through which the spirits of men and women can upon occasion move quite freely to bring us the reassuring and heartwarming message of eternal life.

"The most beautiful and most profound emotion we can experience is the sensation of the mystical."

—ALBERT EINSTEIN

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THE PERSONAL TOUCH



From Your Supersensory Snooper



"What would you like to be, or what are you afraid you will be, in your next incarnation?" With this as the theme, the Halloween Costume party held by the Thursday night class was a hot-bed of originality, variety and audacity.



Life should prove very fascinating the next time around, with seers, madmen, femme fatales, Venuses, gypsies and delightful idiots populating the planet.

After prizes were given for the most original and most hilarious next incarnations, Entertainment Director Charlene Washburn announced that everyone was to participate in a Ritual of the Harvest. Each person was given a stalk of wheat to place in a common container to symbolize the gathering of the Harvest, as Charlene, Jack Eiseman and Don Begley sang "Bringing in the Sheaves", accompanied by our wonderful organist, Marjorie Begley. This beautiful moment was then followed by an inspirational benediction by the Rev. Ann Davies.

With such a combination of laughter, love and inspiration, everyone left saying once again that this was the most wonderful party yet!

TIDES IN THE AFFAIRS OF MEN

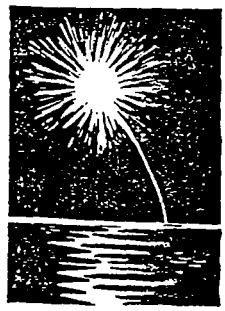
By Catherine E. Morton, Artisan of Pronaos No. 1

Qabalistic doctrine emphasizes the cyclic rhythms that interplay at and among all levels of manifestation; and, on the physical plane, the periodicity of activity in everything from the electrons of the atom to the stars themselvs, and even the universe, is recognized. The origins of physical cycles or earthly cycles in forces from without the physical plane or the terrestrial globe as taught by the Mystery Schools is the foundation of esoteric astrology. Even mundane astrology of the popular kind is based on the hypothesis that the relative positions of celestial bodies indicate, for any given time, the interplay of the stresses that set up or control rhythm. And this doctrine, too, is being gradually verified by empirical science.



Of course, certain of the forces exerted by celestial bodies have simple and well-accepted effects on the earth: the moon causes tides; sunspots affect weather and radio transmissions. But hitherto unsuspected rhythms in our lives and beings are now being discovered, and the forces that effect them appear to be more subtle and more hidden.

Rutherford Platt, a distinguished writer on scientific subjects, has called to our attention in an article recent important discoveries in the field of bio-rhythm, the cycles of life. He points out that such rhythms are linked cyclically with fluctuations in such terrestrial phenomena as barometric pressure, gravitational field, and electrical environment. Such fluctuations themselves, in their turn, are the apparent products of extraterrestrial forces, some of which seem to have been established (e.g. the phases of the moon) and others not. Dr. Frank Brown of Northwestern University associates bio-rhythms with what he calls "tides in the atmosphere", atmosphere including the magnetic and gravitational fields of the earth and other characteristics of the earth.



Research into this area during the past few decades has brought to light several 28-day cycles. One concerns the strength of the electrical field of the brain, spine and nervous system; another, the degree of emotional sensitivity in the individual. It is assumed, for the moment, that a 28-day cycle has a lunar origin.

Other cycles, however, such as a 23-day cycle of physical vitality and a 33-day cycle of both intellectual vivacity and physical coordination, must have other causes. It would be both interesting and rewarding to chart the periods of a group of such cycles against astronomical periods of various kinds. Here we have an opening field of enquiry that appears to substantiate occult teaching and astrological theory.

The startling corellations between modern astronomical discoveries and Qabalistic Cosmology throw new light on esoteric asfrology. * * * * * *

"We must begin to look at life and its incidents not as separate experiences but as an interrelated continuum."

—PROF. MARCUS BACH
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

+++ Rev. Ann Davies continues the fascinating course, "ESOTERIC ASTROLOLGY OF TAROT". This is one of the most popular and well-attended classes we have ever given at the Temple. In this series the Rev. Davies presents an approach to Astrology that is truly revealing and understandable to all. We highly recommend this astrology of the Mystery Schools to all students of Ancient Wisdom, Metaphysics and Mundane Astrology. The classes are given on Thursday evenings at 8:00 P.M. and repeated Monday afternoons at 1:30 P.M.

+++ The Spiritual impact of our 11:00 A.M. Sunday morning services continues to amaze all who attend regularly. In her talks the Rev. Ann Davies has the wonderful and unique ability to answer the silent questions and needs of everyone present. The services are concluded with the Invocation of the Divine Names and the Qabalistic Chant (Mantra Yoga of the West), which have proved to be of inestimable value in the Spiritual Development of Ageless Wisdom Aspirants.

+++ Our Very Honored Frater Alastair Wallace, Administrative Director of New Zealand B.O.T.A., will arrive in Los Angeles on Feb. 6. His purpose is to participate in special Esoteric Inner Order functions involving intensification of Spiritual energies which will more fully serve the Divine Hierarchy. Those who attend classes and Sunday services will have the privilege of personal introduction to this great soul.

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In timeless ways.

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Roses and lilies.

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Of my being.

I send you
Power from Above
With my Wand of Love!

— Sol Montlack, Fellow Builder

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MY MYSTICAL UNIVERSE

(Part II - Perfection!)

By Ann Davies, Prolocutor General



One night shortly before my sixth birthday, I had retired quite late! Being in a particularly meditative mood that evening, I found myself varying the private ritual which I regularly performed before going to sleep.

I was analyzing the experiences of this particular day, and feeling a poignant sadness because the first signs of winter with its cold, blustering winds had come, and I had observed several children being lovingly scolded by their parents for not buttoning their overcoats. I did not feel any envy at seeing the other children receive these expressions of love and care, which were absent from my life . . . but I felt bewildered . . . unable to understand why I, too, should not be getting this kind of affectionate concern for my welfare.

Therefore, in analyzing my day and my life, I found my mind reaching out in an attempt to understand why I should be so unloved. "Am I different from other children?" I asked myself. "Is there anything wrong with me?" Wrong with me! My consciousness swept down to my feet, swept back up to my head, and down again, as I started to examine my body mentally. My legs -- why they were perfect! I could walk and run, jump and dance. I had two good arms and hands. I could play, touch, caress. My two good ears could hear the sounds of the day and the night. I had two good eyes with which to see color, form and motion.

A new feeling swept through me . . . trembling wondrousness, a sense of magic, and absolute conviction that my body was fashioned by mystery . . . that I was a miracle! Overcome with a sense of joyous ecstacy, I jumped out of bed and ran into the living room, where I turned on the light. Everyone was asleep, the house was quiet. I went to the full length mirror and stood there gazing at myself, almost dizzy with this feeling of rapture which held me so exquisitely. I undid my braids and let my dark auburn wavy hair come cascading (continued on next page)

down my back. Wonderful, beautiful! I looked at my eyes. I examined my nose, my mouth, my chin. I caressed my cheek with my fingertips. My eyes travelled down to my feet, swept up again, and I felt as though an infinite number of stars were exploding inside of me. I hugged myself in an outburst of exultation, as tears of joy started to stream down my cheeks. "I am perfect, perfect!" I kept exclaiming to myself. I was aware of being loved by an Infinite God. I knew in that instant that the infinite love of God had created me. A fraction of my mind knew and realized that many people suffered from innumerable infirmities, and my perfection seemed even more wondrous a miracle in the face of such knowledge.

I ran back to my bed, still unable to contain myself. In my need to do something, anything, to express my gratitude and awe in some way, I composed a song of gratitude to God in my mind. Then, gradually in the darkness, my eyes became aware of a vast Light and Substance coming towards me; and as this Light and Substance permeated my being, I was swept even more profoundly into my nightly state of Samadhi, the Cosmic Consciousness state of Love, Peace and Bliss.



From that time on, I started to sense the miraculous perfection of creation in other forms also. Occasionally I would experience it through my dog or my cat. Once, as I sat very still, I saw a little mouse come out to play, and I experienced this feeling of wondrous perfection in the little mouse. I yearned to pet it, but knew that it would be afraid. Very much later I came to know Divinity in and through all living things and creatures. But I have never been able to forget that first experience when I literally fell in love with myself, that is, with the recognition of the Divine perfection of my being. I realize, of course, that the Word made flesh . . . that the ability to love myself in that manner was the foundation for loving God and His entire creation.

In my next article in this series, I will describe my first experience in the realm of levitation.



Laughter and Life

A PROMINENT bibliophile prided himself on his extensive library. He had books on every conceivable subject, but LOVE in all its aspects was his particular collecting enthusiasm. One day, as he was about to board a plane, he spotted a book entitled *How to Hug*, in the airport bookstore. Though his plane had been called, he was determined to have this collector's item. Pulling a handful of bills from his pocket, he hurriedly paid the salesgirl, grabbed the book and dashed for the plane. As he settled back in his seat to explore his $12.50 purchase, he discovered that he had bought the sixth volume of an encyclopedia set.

THE WIFE was moody, fitful and nervous. The husband did all he could to cheer her up, then took her to a psychiatrist. The psychiatrist asked the wife some questions about her state of unhappiness, studied the answers, then threw his arms around her and gave her an ardent kiss. After that the lady was gay and sparkling. "You see?" said the psychiatrist. "That's all your wife needs. I suggest that she receive the same treatment every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday."

"If you say so," said the husband. "But there's one hitch. I can bring her on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but on Saturdays I play golf."



"WATCH AND PRAY"

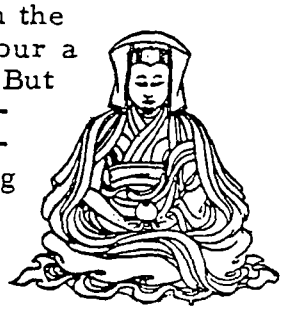
By Harriet B. Case, Grand Cancellaria

Recently a student who had finished all the courses contained in our outer curriculum, wrote to say that although many changes for the better had taken place in her personality, she still did not feel really happy and was more or less frustrated. Then, she went on to say, she began to review her lessons right from the beginning, as we had recommended. Soon she saw where the main trouble lay; she had not consistently applied the principles and techniques she had learned to her daily living, thinking and feeling. This knowledge and wisdom had remained an intellectual concept apart from the emotional or feeling expression of her being. She could express herself easily along intellectual lines, but emotionally she was blocked, and this gave her a feeling of frustration and caused an imbalance between the emotional and intellectual aspects of her personality.

This is not an uncommon situation. In fact, we have observed that many students of metaphysics and occultism appear to keep the knowledge they have acquired in a sort of water-tight compartment of their minds, quite divorced from their daily activities and mental and emotional expression. Intellectually, they thoroughly agree with the highest concepts of spiritual principles to which they aspire, but they do not seem to have absorbed these into their being so that their natural actions and reactions are in accord with these principles of love, selflessness and harmony, plus compassionate understanding of others. Instead, that "unruly member", the tongue, says things that are cutting and hurtful or defamatory of others. Also, these often sincere aspirants allow themselves to get very hurt feelings if they have not received the sufficient praise, thanks or attention which they feel to be their due! They judge and condemn others without knowing the facts, and seem to be full of fears.

Now, no student who has tried to apply the principles and techniques of the Ageless Wisdom to the transmutation of the personality would react in the ways mentioned above. At least they would make every effort not to do so and would be quite aware of these moments of failure and would try not to fail again. We realize that these changes in our deep seated habit patterns do not come overnight, but by repeated conscious effort they will become our automatic reactions in all we do and think and feel, just as when we struggle to learn any new skill, such as typing or playing the piano. At first we have to think of the placing of each finger and every motion, but through watchful practice, in due time the subconscious takes over and automatically we hit the right keys without needing to give it conscious thought.

Jesus said, "Watch and pray, for ye know not the hour when the Son of Man cometh." One meaning of this is that we know not the hour a flash of illumination may come, or a vision of the Cosmic Christ. But in order that this Grace of God may be granted us, we must unceasingly "watch and pray", that is, keep our consciousness lifted in attunement with the cosmic spirit of love and true Brotherhood, trying to express good-will, tolerance and love in all our relationships.

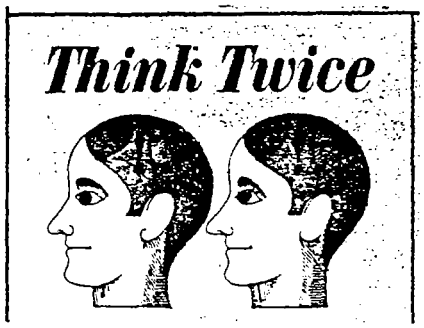


Utilizing the Tarot-Qabalistic techniques in our everyday experience helps us to truly transmute our personalities. Then the Higher Soul becomes the Ruler.

WHAT GOOD ARE IDEAS UNLESS YOU CAN MAKE USE OF THEM?
—JOHN F. KENNEDY

CONDITIONING

By Felix J. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor



A while back, the Rev. Ann Davies gave a talk in which she touched upon a subject which, I believe, is often neglected by most people. Psychologists call it conditioning. We also know it by many other names and differing connotations. Brainwashing, blind acceptance of traditional customs and ways of thought, fixed prejudices, and the like . . . all these reflect our tendency to believe what we hear or read, if we encounter it often enough and maybe early enough in life. Indeed, a prominent religion asserts that given the "conditioning" of a child up to seven years of age, that child in later years will seldom stray beyond return to the mother faith.

This business of conditioning is reflected in many matters not necessarily connected with religion. As an example, I remember as a young man driving with my wife down Broadway in New York and seeing displayed in a shop window an item which we had long wanted, but felt we could not afford. Across the front of this window was prominently displayed a sign reading "Bankrupt Sale. All Stock Must Be Sold Regardless Of Price." So we stopped and parked . . . it could be done in those days! . . . and discovered that the object of our desires could be had for half the price we would have had to pay elsewhere. So we bought it.

On the way home, we gloated over our good fortune. Then the thought suddenly struck me: What about the poor devil whose hopes had been wrapped up in that store and who had gone bankrupt? Was he, too, not trying to make a living for himself and family? Was not our supposed good fortune the direct result of his misfortune? And in any system of ethics, should such an event be the cause for anybody's rejoicing? I felt ashamed of myself.

Years later, in the B.O.T.A. statement of Principles called THE PATTERN ON THE TRESTLEBOARD, I read in its fourth statement: "From the exhaustless riches of its Limitless Substance, I draw all things needful, both spiritual and material." This echoed my own conviction that we should never seek gain at the cost of another.

Since then I have made it a daily practice to examine my beliefs and emotions from as objective a position as I can assume, as the Tarot techniques teach us to do. What causes this sudden surge of anger when somebody usurps what I believe to be my right of way on the road? Or maybe how stupid, or even evil, is the political party that differs from my own emotional preference! The name, or word symbol, is all some people need for a violent reaction.

Just what is wrong, or believed to be wrong, with a person's color, or slant of eyes, or creed, or any other inherited physical attribute, which raises such violent and sudden reaction in certain people's breasts? In some cases, possibly our own! Have any of us ever thought it necessary to sit down and categorically write down, item for item, just what it is we hate? My daughter, for instance, is a confirmed sun-bather and as brown as a nut. (Her father thinks her very beautiful, of course!) But nobody so far has held her color against her, maybe because she is quite white in certain usually concealed areas! Or maybe because she doesn't happen to have the wrong name, or what some people think to be a wrong name, attached to her race.

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CONDITIONING (Cont.)

The most beautiful and charming lady I have ever known, married to an English colonel, was run out of Greenwich, Conn., by society people whose eyes didn't happen to be quite as slanted as hers.

Conditioning, like everything else here below, can be both good and bad. When we are conditioned to brotherly love and universal tolerance, it is good. Per contra, it is bad when we react against something or somebody for reasons which we cannot explicitly explain or logically sustain. The so-called two-valence argument . . . i.e. that things are either white or black, right or wrong, etc. etc. . . . is in nearly all cases frowned upon by logicians, thinking people, and higher spiritual teachings. Most things are grey in color or other attributes, which means that there is room for improvement, or advancing evolution. Spend a few minutes each day objectively examining your reactions to the thoughts and acts of the day. You will find this exercise both rewarding and revealing.

The Tarot-Qabalistic methods will help you to transmute these old pain and hate producing separative patterns, which are the negative conditionings of yesterday. You can then know the fulfillment that comes from experiencing the Kinship of Life.

Broadmindedness is highmindedness flattened out by experience.
—*Clipper*, Lexington, Nebr.



WE GET LETTERS.....

Dear B.O.T.A.

God bless all of you who are connected with B.O.T.A. Words fail me when I begin putting my thanks on paper. I am overwhelmed, grateful and most thankful to you for the healing of my body and the change in my life.

L. H., Canada

Dear B.O.T.A.

. . . Believe me, I deeply appreciate the opportunity to receive the B.O.T.A. studies. It seems really redundant to try to put into words all the ways in which they open doors . . . The B.O.T.A. Tarot cards are most helpful in so many ways, but I have yet so much to learn! . . . I was so pleased to see of the wonderful help being made available to our fellow builders in several prisons. If it is possible to do so, I wish to sponsor a member.

M. J. A., Canada

Dear B.O.T.A.

I am thrilled with the Tarot lessons. They are such a tangible basis from which to work. With my former metaphysical studies, I could never get anchored and felt lost in a void most of the time. Thank you so much for making these wonderful lessons available.

L. L., Phoenix, Ariz.

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES



We are very happy to announce the appointment by the Grand Chapter of Ann Ryan to our consulting staff. She is well qualified for this work, having a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from U.C.L.A. and a Masters degree in Social Work, specializing in Psychiatry, from U.S.C. She combines modern scientific training with a highly developed occult perception. She has already been serving B.O.T.A. as official Hostess, greeting guests and seeing that everyone feels welcome. She will now take Saturday appointments as special problem consultant on a contribution basis, the donations going to the work of BUILDERS OF THE ADYTUM.



We are very pleased to announce another appointment, that of Marjory Begley to the position of Musical Director for B.O.T.A. She is a highly trained musician, teacher and arranger of music, and possesses the rare gift of original composition. She will now initiate a professional musical program aimed at heightening the effectiveness and inspirational aspects of all Temple activities.

+++ The popular course on ESOTERIC ASTROLOGY OF TAROT is presented each Thursday evening at 8:00 P.M. and Monday afternoon at 1:30 P.M. This series on the secret Astrology of the Ancient Mystery Schools, revealed only through Tarot and Qabalah, continues to fascinate the recipients of this rare instruction and is constantly attracting new students. The course is open to the public, as well as members of BUILDERS OF THE ADYTUM.

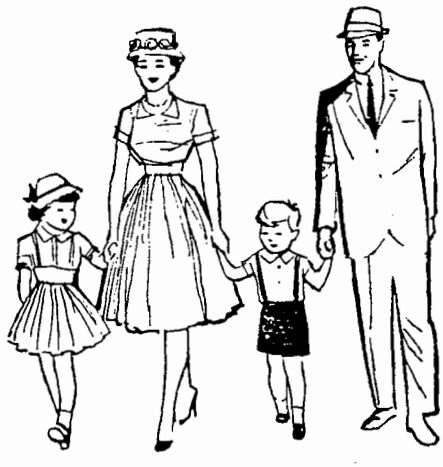
+++ Sunday services are conducted each Sunday at 11:00 A.M. Those who have been attending regularly have commented on the heightened spiritual perception and healing help they have gained through participation in the Invocation of the Divine Names and Qabalistic Chant (Mantra Yoga of the West), which is now a permanent part of the service.

Our Path Leads Upward . . . . . .

Don't give your child a God too small to believe in when he is grown up.

Modern parents seem to feel increasingly perplexed and embarrassed when they have to talk to their children about religion.

When we tell our children about God we should be building a foundation for the future just as we try to do when we tell them about sex or government or physics; and we hope that as they grow up they will need to discard as little as possible of all that we have taught them.

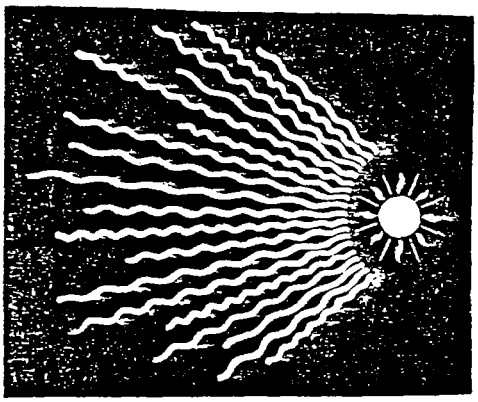


Don't tell your child that it doesn't matter what he believes, so long as he believes in something.

The very word "creed" upsets many parents; and we are so anxious to be tolerant that we go overboard not to teach our children anything that will separate them from other children. Often we end up making God seem no more than a vague Force, impersonal and unrelated to everyday life. "There are many roads to God," we say piously. And, of course, that is true. But what we forget is that no one gets there without choosing one or another.

SOUND AND COLOR VIBRATION

By Catherine E. Morton, Research Editor



It has long been a teaching of the Western Mystery Schools that the light vibrations, which make up prismatic colors, and the acoustic vibrations, which make up sound tones, have a powerful effect physically and mentally upon the human body and may be used with impressive results in both "white" and "black" magical operations.



Both esoteric and exoteric religions use mantra, the repetition of particular syllables on given notes, in the East, as well as the West. Similarly, the employment of liturgical colors in the older Christian churches and the presence of stained glass, in which blues and violets are predominant, in the older church buildings reflect a conscious understanding of the effect of color on the congregation.

This teaching of the Qabalistic tradition finds much practical application today. Indeed, many articles dealing with the use of sound and color to influence mind, mood or health have appeared in the last few years, all hailing as a remarkable innovation in thought a principle that has been enunciated for centuries - indeed millenia - by occultism.

Discussions of the use and effects of colors usually treat of the psychological result. During the last war, a canteen for women in one factory was redecorated to appear more "feminine". Unfortunately, the predominant color used was pale blue. Immediately, the workers began complaining of cold in the canteen, wearing sweaters into it, shivering, exhibiting quite sincerely all of the symptoms of chilliness. When orange slipcovers were placed on the chairs and other introductions of orange were made to the decor, complaints and symptoms ceased altogether. Books on interior decoration generally advise either a balance of complementaries, as was achieved in the canteen by adding orange to its opposite, blue, or, for a quieter, less dramatic effect, the inclusion of colors drawn from each of the three primaries, red, yellow and blue, though much muted or darkened. An example would be a room with cream-yellow walls, wine-colored hangings, and a carpet in which blue predominates.

Lately, color has been increasingly employed for direct effect on physical forms. Plants grow much better under glass in the winter, when there is little sunlight, if the glass is tinted violet or violet-blue. The old superstition that smallpox causes less scarring if the patient remains in a room in which all light must filter through red curtains, has, to the astonishment of many, been vindicated. Where mental health is in question, color therapy is an increasingly important field of treatment.

Modern applications of sound to a physical end are more dramatic. By ultrasonic surgery, the use of intersecting beams of sound that destroy matter only where they meet, it is possible to remove deeply buried growths from (cont. on next page)

SOUND AND COLOR VIBRATION (Cont.)

organs such as the brain, in which conventional surgery would be impossible without destroying too much healthy tissue. Ultrasonics can, as we all know, kill. Military research has done much along this line. Sound levels can induce insanity, melancholia, and suicidal tendencies. One psychiatrist, writing in a magazine for concert goers, considers that the irregular and jagged rhythm and lack of harmonic melody in modern jazz and much modern "classical" music are potentially maddening in the literal sense of the word, as well as actually maddening in the metaphorical sense.

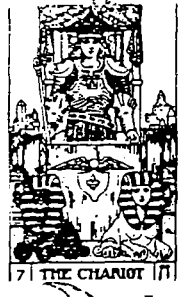
All of these various and scattered empirical applications of sound and color establish the validity of the ancient Qabalistic doctrine. But as yet, the modern world has not discovered for itself the teaching given to members of Mystery Schools, that sound and color work best, and most powerfully, when used together . . . when the appropriate tone and word are linked to the appropriate color. This great force and the proper use of it are placed in the hands of initiates of the Western Tradition only after a considerable period of preparation and study. The objective application of color and sound is taught only to those who have served an exacting apprenticeship. Like all things in the universe, light and acoustic energy can be used to bless or to blast. It is perhaps as well that the world at large has not the knowledge of this use as yet. ≈≈≈≈

In youth we learn; in age
we understand.
MARIE EBNER-ESCHENBACH

LINES GIVEN ME UPON LOOKING AT KEY 7

The earth in which
God placed my soul to grow,
Is my tender mother.

The rocks and roots
Through which I upward stretch,
Strengthen and quicken me.



The soil, my food,
Enwraps the glory of the sun,
The bright palaces beneath the sea.

Up, up, up I press,
Until my face is lifted to the light,
In leaf and flower and tree.

Oh God,
For this my wondrous growth,
For this my wondrous life,

I give my thanks to Thee.
I live my thanks in Thee.

—Yolanda Harris, Associate Builder

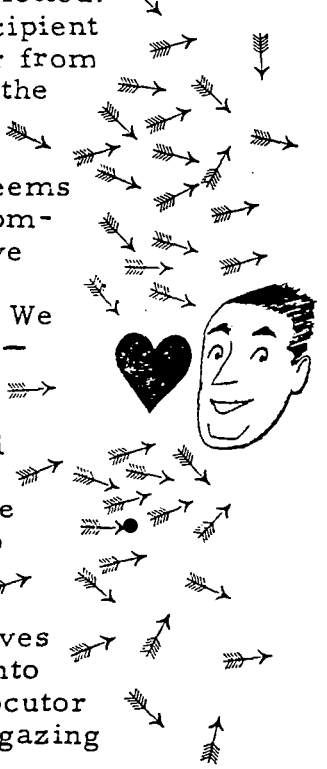
THE PERSONAL TOUCH



From Your Supersensory Snooper

SPEAKING ♥ OF LOVE ♥

As we go to press the activity around the Temple is full of intrigue! Everywhere we turn we find little groups whispering together. In our official position as your Supersensory Snooper, it has been our duty to eavesdrop with unabashed boldness. What we now have to report is that a very unusual party is being plotted. Love, love, and more love seems to be its major theme. The recipient of much of this plotted love intrigue is to be our illustrious visitor from New Zealand, V. H. Frater Alastair O. Wallace, in whose honor the party is to be given.



The gist of the plot, from what we could piece together, seems to be to shower him with so much love and attention that he will completely capitulate to the charms of his American Sorores. We have heard that our members are to dress as very lovable and alluring personalities, either from history, fiction or sheer imagination. We heard one member say that she intends to come dressed as Juliet — another as Madame Pompadour.

We also detected a counter-plot among the men. They feel that in self-defense they must dress as magnetically as possible, so that Frater Alastair will not get all the attention. We heard one say he was coming dressed as Tarot Key No. 4, The Emperor, so that he can demand feminine worship as their King and Ruler.

The Sorores have arranged an agreement amongst themselves to take turns holding Frater Alastair's hand and gazing soulfully into his eyes. However, on very good authority we hear that our Prolocutor General is going to hold a stop watch on the hand-holding and eye-gazing activities, limiting these expressions to 22 1/4 seconds per Soror.

All in all, men and women are determined that Frater Alastair Wallace is going to go home with an enthusiastic report on the lovableness of his American Fratres and Sorores. That is . . . if we <u>let</u> him return to New Zealand! We might tear up his airplane ticket!



"Thank You" Our loving thanks to Gladys E. LeGrand, a true sister laborer in the spiritual vineyards, for her unselfish recommendation of B.O.T.A.'s books and courses to her readers and followers.

This recommendation was given in the bulletin THE CIRCLE OF THREE published bi-monthly by Gladys E. LeGrand. She is also the author of the exquisite and inspiring metaphysical story THE BLUE PLANET. Those who wish to receive her bulletin or purchase her booklet (THE BLUE PLANET, $2.50 plus 4% tax if residing in California) may contact her directly at her address: Squirrel Mountain Valley, Lake Isabella, California.

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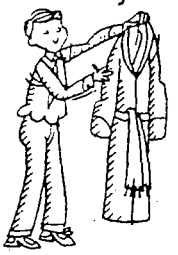
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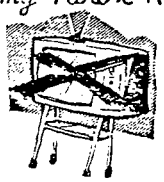
Dear R.C.T.A.



My trouble is my wife! She is so materialistic, that besides showing an appalling disinterest in R.C.T.A., or anything like it, she scoffs at my interest and tries to interrupt and curtail my studying as much as possible. Her only concerns, aside from badgering me, are bridge parties, new clothes and, especially, T.V. We do not have a large home, and it is difficult for me to get away from the noise of that infernal invention. If I close myself in the bedroom, she accuses me of ignoring her. If she sees my Tarot Keys, or hears me doing exercises, she asks me if I have returned to Kindergarten. Naturally, this annoys me considerably. When I do spend an evening with her watching T.V., she babbles about this and that nonsense to such an extent that I haven't the faintest notion what the story is all about. I'm getting very disgusted with her lack of intellect. Can you offer any suggestions as to how to handle this abominable situation?







R.V.

Jan. 10, 1964

Dear R. V.

Your wife is lonely. She is suffering from lack of love and attention and is striking back in the only way she knows how. If you would look at her objections in a new light and try to understand her actions from her point of view, you might be able to help the situation. It is always necessary to change our own attitudes if we wish another person to be more cooperative and less antagonistic. People react to love, hate or any other emotion we project to a much greater extent than most of us realize. As a student of Tarot and Qabalah, it is up to you to extend to your wife the cooperation and understanding that you want her to give to you. I see from your records that you have completed the Tree of Life course. Read over the lessons on Chesed, which pertain to the principles of mercy and benevolence. Shower your wife with love and attention. If it is difficult at first to express personal love, perhaps you could feel compassion for her because of her sad lack of "brains"?? Use Tarot Key No. 10 to gain a more expansive, outgoing nature. Meditate on Tarot Key No. 3 to strengthen your feelings of love, and Key No. 6 to expand your intellect so you may grasp more than one point of view. You may be surprised at your wife's reaction to all this. You both may even fall in love all over again. Remember, antagonism begets antagonism just as love and understanding beget love and understanding. Let us know how you make out.





Soror A

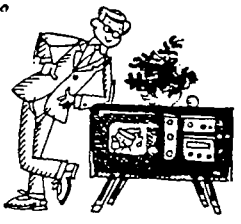
Dear Soror A:

Feb. 24, 1964

I am most thankful for your little scolding. I got the message! I had been taking a superior attitude toward my wife, and this naturally (cont. on next page)

A CASE HISTORY (Cont.)

stirred up antagonism. She is not the studious type, to understate the matter, and I had no right to expect her to take the interest in this wonderful B.O.T.A. study that I have. I will also now admit that I taunted her about her non-intellectual pursuits to such an extent that she struck back by trying to interfere with mine.



After studying the lessons on compassion and understanding, and using the Tarot Keys as you instructed, I slowly began to see that the Tarot and Tree of Life lessons had been an intellectual pastime with me. I had not grasped the importance of applying these principles of wisdom in my relationships with others. How miserably I had been treating my wife! As a beginning, I offered to do whatever she wanted three evenings a week if she would leave me to my studies the rest of the week. She agreed, with the stipulation that I participate cheerfully, because it would be no fun if I acted bored all the time. This gave me more insight. I now actually listen to her when she talks to me. To my surprise, she isn't nearly so dumb as I had made her out to be. Even more surprising, she listens to me once in awhile. I am now rather confident that this amazing occurrence will become more frequent as time goes by. The other day she told me that she is at least thankful that my interests do not take me to the local bar, as is the case with many of her friends' husbands. That really was progress! She is starting to see my good points, too! With such developments it is now entirely possible that I may fall back in love with her. Yes, it is really surprising how much she has improved in such a short time. Thanks again.



R. V.

Mar. 2, 1964



Dear R. V.

We congratulate you for being such an extraordinary teacher. What tremendous hidden capacity your wife must have had to become so much more intelligent in six short weeks!! If her intelligence continues to expand at the same rate, she may even fall back in love with you again, too. And you know how prejudiced we are in favor of love!

With love, in L. V. X.

Soror A

. . . Great is the mileage racked up in a day, when husband and wife meet each other halfway.

. . . Marriage is like a violin. After the beautiful music is over, the strings are still attached.

A perfect wife does not expect a perfect husband.

What Is Love? I have met in the streets a very poor young man who was in love. His hat was old, his coat worn, the water passed through his shoes and the stars through his soul. —Victor Hugo

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Do you have a friend who would enjoy ADYTUM NEWS NOTES? Then pass your copy on, or give your friend a gift subscription for only $1.00 per year.

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Editor's Note

Because we like to show the beauty of soul that exists in all walks of life, we herewith present an original poem submitted by one of our brothers behind prison walls, printed with his permission.

THESE WOULD I KEEP

These would I keep: My faith in Thee,
Though one may stumble now and then;
A faith which helps me still to see
What God intends that we must be.

A cheery heart, in spite of fate;
The strength to work, the patience to wait;
A hand that lifts a brother up
And shares with him the bitter cup.

A spirit calm, despite the storm,
Which sees, through clouds, the stalwart form
Of Him who stilled the maddened waves
Is ever near to help and save.

The optimism childhood had;
The simple trust that made me glad;
The beauty of life in its crimson dawn,
These will I keep as I journey on.

— Elease M. Robertson

We would like to share with you also the following letter just received from another of "our boys" in prison .....

Dear B. O. T. A.

I thought maybe you would be interested in knowing that I have seen in the men in our little group an unbelievable growth (enlightenment). All of us here are unlearned people, and the change is amazing and obvious. I can't see in myself, yet, the growth I see in others, but I find it hard to believe that it isn't evident in me, too. I know that as I continue studying the B. O. T. A. lessons, the Light I seek will be seen by me.

H. L. G.

REMEMBER -- *B. O. T. A. is dependent upon your donations for the spiritual rehabilitation of these, our brothers, as well as for its continued service to you.* BE AN ANGEL. *Contributions, tithings and legacies are tax-deductible.*



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MY MYSTICAL UNIVERSE

(Part III - Levitation)

By The Rev. Ann Davies, Prolocutor General



I loved to sit on the sill of my second story window, looking out at the various activities going on below me in the street. When the weather permitted, I spent many hours each week in a meditative state watching, wondering and becoming acquainted with the strange world in which I lived.

On this particular day, somewhere between my sixth and seventh birthdays, I was feeling depressed because of the children who lived across the street. They had decided that anyone who was not of their own religious persuasion must be dealt with brutally, and I had just escaped being beaten up by this gang of young hoodlums, ranging in age from six to twelve. It seemed to me that a frightening percentage of people were either brutal or indifferent to each other, and I was trying to figure out why this was so.

At that particular moment then, I was not feeling very pleased with the human race. I, therefore, turned to my little dog Trixie who sat on the window sill beside me, sharing the same cushion and feeling of camaraderie. I stroked Trixie's soft white fur, feeling pleasure at the emanating warmth of her little living body. Trixie, however, heard some exciting sounds originating from the kitchen and jumped down to investigate. Sitting alone now, I continued to gaze at the scenes below me on the street. Suddenly I espied a little white dog with whom I was familiar trotting along the sidewalk. I found myself longing with my entire being to be on the street, so that I could pat this little creature. I felt my entire heart and soul yearn for this. Suddenly . . . I was there on the street in front of the little dog, bent over, my hand stretched out above its little head in a caressing position!

But that little dog never received the full caress! I was so startled to discover myself on the sidewalk that I stood up in a state of amazement, wondering how I could have jumped from a second story window without feeling any impact on my feet, without injury and without consciously having jumped. I looked up to the window. There was the pillow . . . but I was not there! Meanwhile the little dog trotted on, attending to its own business.

I was filled with alarm. I said to myself, "Oh, oh! I am in trouble now! Mama is in the kitchen and knows that I could not have left (cont. on next page)

MY MYSTICAL UNIVERSE (Cont.)



the house without passing by her, and she will think I jumped two stories from the window into the street on purpose! I'll get a licking!"

Then I looked across the street. One of the little hoodlums saw me and called out for reinforcements, meanwhile starting towards me. I looked up again at the empty window with the cushion on the sill and yearned desperately to be back where I had been. Suddenly . . . I was there! The boy who had started after me cried out in shock and disbelief, as did two girls who had just come out in answer to his call. One of them called out -- "How did she do that?"

I found myself sitting most comfortably on my cushion, feeling smug and self-satisfied at having outwitted the enemy. I recall that I then indulged in some expert nose-thumbing!



Many years later, when I became familiar with psychic phenomena, I wondered whether I had projected astrally, or whether I had actually levitated. I cannot say for sure. All that I know is that I was not there when I looked up at the empty window, and it seems to me that had I been astrally projected, I would have seen my physical self sitting in the window. Therefore, I have come to the conclusion that it must have been a real case of levitation.

I had one other experience of actual levitation, personally witnessed by Dr. Case in 1943. I will tell you of this in a future issue of the ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES.

In my next article in this series, I will relate my first mystical experience, which involved my meeting head-on with astronomy.

SCIENCE cannot solve the ultimate mystery of nature. And that is because, in the last analysis, we ourselves are part of nature and therefore part of the mystery that we are trying to solve. —Max Planck, quoted in *Sunrise*

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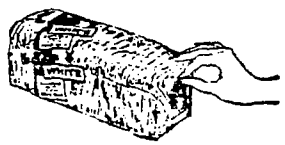


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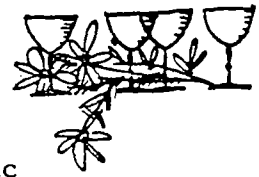
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THE BREAD AND THE WINE



By Harriet B. Case, Grand Cancellaria



Most people, either regularly or at some period in their lives, have partaken of Communion during Sunday services. One wonders how many of these partakers have understood the esoteric meaning of this ritual ceremony. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." He also said, "Before Abraham was I AM." Those who are familiar with occult teaching understand that the words "I AM" refer to the One Supreme Light, the One God which is in all. So when Jesus said, "I AM that bread", He was referring not to his personality, but to the One Eternal Spirit, Creator and Architect of the Universe.

We read in the Bible that Moses led the Israelites from out of the bondage of Egypt in search of the "Promised Land", but for forty years they wandered in the wilderness before they reached the "Promised Land". From an esoteric point of view, Biblical references to "Egypt" are often considered a symbol for the physical body, and those who "dwell in the land of Egypt" refers to those who are primarily materialistic in their outlook and prisoners of the senses. When the Soul begins to awaken, led (or urged) by the Higher Self (Moses) to escape the "land of bondage" and seek freedom, his first steps lead him into the "wilderness". Here he wanders many years seeking hither and thither in the wilderness of the mind or intellect for truth, for some comprehension of himself, of the purpose of life, knowledge of the Creator and the laws governing man and the universe.



Usually, after wandering some years through this wilderness of conflicting thoughts, being fed by the "manna" gathered there, and suffering all sorts of experiences which have tried and tested his Soul, all at once it may dawn upon him, during the quiet of meditation, that this "manna" is not the permanent Bread of Life, that it has no sustaining power. Then comes the realization within the heart that it is the I AM, the Eternal Life, Wisdom and Power, which is the true Bread of Life, and that it is his own heart which is the Chalice filled with the wine of love and spirit.

Now an illumined awareness dwells in the mind AND the heart, a new consciousness that arises in the great silence; a consciousness of infinity, divinity and eternity and all pervading love and beauty. This is the Bread of Life, and when we partake of this Bread and Wine, we know Eternal Life, and our consciousness is illumined because we have become aware of our unity with God, the Macrocosm.

Man is the Microcosm, for in him the outer universe is reflected. His heart corresponds to the sun and his other psychic centers to the moon and planets. Man is part of God. The entire universe is contained within the Microcosm. But if the Microcosm is cut off from the Macrocosm (through ignorance or rebellion), it cannot receive the Bread of Life, or Life Force, which it needs to keep it spiritually alive. Similarly, Man needs the material bread provided by the light and heat of the sun's rays, which penetrate every particle of the earth and bring forth the fruits and grain we need to sustain our physical bodies.

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BREAD AND WINE (Cont.)

The Master said as he broke the bread, "Eat; this is my body. Do this in remembrance of Me." This is a rite that is not just of Christian origin, but is found in other mystery rites as far back as one can go. This act of communion, or remembrance, has both an exoteric and esoteric meaning. Therefore, we should look upon every meal we eat with gratitude and in remembrance of God, for all life is His, and the whole earth is His body of manifestation which has been brought into being through Divine Love and Law.



W E G E T L E T T E R S . . . . . .

Dear Editor:

I would like to have you give your opinion on Felix Frazer's article in the ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES (April-June, 1964) entitled CONDITIONING. It seems to me that if Mr. Frazer had thought things through, he would have realized that by buying at half price at a bankrupt sale he was doing the owner of the store a favor rather than otherwise. All enterprises usually increase their original cost by more than double. It wasn't Mr. Frazer's fault that the gentleman went bankrupt, and since the owner was obliged to liquidate in order to get at least the cost value, I am sure he was eminently grateful to any buyers . . . . Wouldn't it be a more positive thought to be grateful that the misfortune of one person at least brought good to someone?

C. W.

(Editor's reply: Dear C. W. Thank you for your letter of April 6. What you possibly missed in my article was that I was not discussing bankruptcy; I was discussing my reactions at experiencing pleasure at what I felt was the misfortunes of another. Rejoicing over drawing what we need from the presumed misfortune of another is wrong, even though buying from a bankrupt sale under our existing economic system is perfectly proper, and perhaps useful. Thus I was condemning my own emotions over the situation, not the necessary operation of liquidating bankrupt stock. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." — Felix Frazer)

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Dear Editor:

Please renew my subscription to the ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES. I am most fascinated with Ann Davies' articles on her mystical experiences, and I want to be certain that I don't miss a single issue. These articles are truly inspiring.

A. K.

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Dear Editor:

Harriet B. Case's article entitled "THE VALUE OF EXPERIENCE" (Jan. - Mar., 1964) seemed to be written just for me. At one time I was one who was quick to blame others and circumstances for my problems and misfortunes. Her article made such an important point of recognizing burdens and trials as an opportunity for self-improvement. Keep up the good work!

J. J.

Between You and Me



By Helen Miller, Staff Correspondent



A large group of people waited excitedly at Los Angeles International Airport for a plane to arrive from Honolulu on the last lap of a 7,000 mile journey from the other side of the world. The people were members of BUILDERS OF THE ADYTUM. They were waiting, along with Ann Davies, Spiritual Director of B.O.T.A., to welcome Alastair Wallace, Executive Director of the B.O.T.A. branch in New Zealand. He was arriving in Los Angeles for special esoteric work.

The love and warmth for which Ann Davies and all B.O.T.A. members are famous was apparent on this momentous occasion. The members were determined to show Alastair Wallace the same love and acceptance that Ann Davies received on her visit to New Zealand last summer.



Alastair Wallace arrived in Los Angeles on a Saturday. The next day, at the Sunday morning service held at the Temple, he captured the hearts of all B.O.T.A. members and visitors. They were completely entranced with his warm personality, his delightful humor and his brilliant dramatic story of the unprecedented mystical verifications which culminated in the establishment of the New Zealand branch of B.O.T.A.

Actually, this visit is the latest chapter in a fantastic story, confirming in so many ways how the Masters of Wisdom work to bring about further evolution for this planet. Many years ago, Ann Davies was told by the Master of Wisdom who guides the work of B.O.T.A. that she would one day have to make a trip overseas to bring back into the fold a group of English speaking "lost sheep" who belonged to the same Tradition. She told many of her associates of this forthcoming trip. At the time, she thought this work would take her to England.



In his fascinating lecture to the members of B.O.T.A., Alastair Wallace continued this story and told of events that were taking place in New Zealand about the same time as Ann Davies was told of her "lost sheep". Mr. Wallace related that ten years ago the person who was then head of the Order which follows the same Western Occult Tradition as B.O.T.A. received a message, through meditation. The message related that their Order was to go into decline and would almost stop functioning. It would be brought back to life by the arrival of a woman from overseas. She would be a true Adept in the Tradition, working directly under a Master of Wisdom. They were to recognize her by her brilliant lecturing ability, her vast knowledge of the Qabalistic Tradition, her Cosmic Love, her ability to awaken this state in others, and by her red hair! (Rev. Ann Davies filled this bill completely, including the red hair!)



The Order went into decline as prophesied. In 1962 Alastair Wallace, a member of the Order and vastly dedicated to the Tradition, went into meditation, asking to be shown what might be done to save the dying Order. He received a direct answer from the Master guiding the spiritual well-being of this Tradition. He was instructed to find the true root of the Order still functioning successfully on this planet. After

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writing to several countries and organizations without success, Alastair Wallace was given a copy of Ann Davies' recording A QABALISTIC SERVICE. When he heard her voice, her magnificent chanting, he experienced the impact of the powerful Mystery Invocations and then knew that he had found the true root.



In the correspondence between New Zealand and Los Angeles that followed, a rapport, love and brotherhood developed that left no doubt of the kindred Traditions. Rev. Davies knew that these were her English speaking "lost sheep", a true Brotherhood of the Tradition.

But the elated members of B.O.T.A. saw to it that Mr. Wallace's visit was not all work and no play. A party was given in his honor shortly after his arrival at the Temple of Tarot and Holy Qabalah. The theme - love, what else?

IT IS NOT BY ABSTRACT PRINCIPLES THAT THE WORLD IS TO BE WON, BUT BY THE TRANSFORMING INFLUENCE OF PERSONALITY. THE MEANING OF THE MESSAGE NEEDS THE DEFINITION OF A DEVOTED LIFE.

Editor's Note: Here is another poem from the same brother behind prison walls whose poem we had the pleasure of publishing in the last ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES. We print it here that you may see how our spiritual teaching brings out such qualities of soul and yearning towards service to humanity as shown by the artistry of this brother. . . . .

A TOUCH OF PERFECTION

What a wonderful place this world would be,
If God could find in you and me,
A touch of perfection in all we do,
Whether the task be routine or new.

How much we would add to peace and joy,
If a touch of perfection we could employ,
With a helping hand, a smile, or a deed,
Regardless of a brother's color or creed.

What joy it must be at the end of the road,
To know we have helped with another's load.

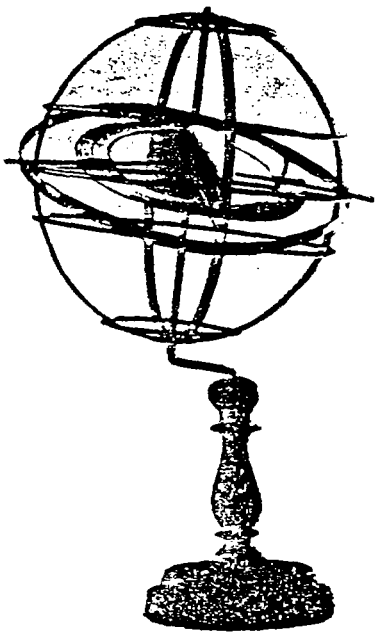


— Elease M. Robertson

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A FEW THOUGHTS ON THE 4TH DIMENSION

By Felix J. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor

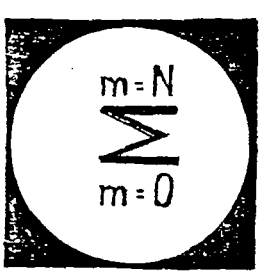


Occultists and metaphysicians quite frequently use the 4th Dimension as a locus or place in which to put psychic and supersensory awarenesses. They will knowingly tell you that X-ray vision, for instance, is no more than the psychic ability of a person to view the interior of a three-dimensional solid, such as the cube or the human body, from a point in the 4th Dimension . . . a procedure quite analogous to reading the print on this two-dimensional sheet from an observational point in the three-space above it. If your vision was limited to crawling along this sheet of print, you could not read it. You would have only two dimensions of consciousness.

As a mathematician, I have no quarrel with this and similar ideas concerning hyper-spatial dimensions. Indeed, do we not place all the objects of our daily observations, including the stars and planets, in a three-dimensional space which, like the 4th Dimension, we cannot directly observe? Physical objects and radiation we can observe, but not space itself, as any philosopher will tell you. We must infer the existence of space, no matter how ridiculous this statement may seem to you at first blush. Not too long ago, scientists inferred the existence of a luminiferous ether with which to fill their inferred space ... a supposition which fell down many times before the onslaught of modern experiments (vide Michelson & Morley).

That which we can directly perceive via our senses and their instrumental extension, we regard as real or material, and proceed to place these objects of our perceptions in a space which is unreal . . . unreal in the sense that no one has ever perceived it per se, as one would a house or a beam of light. We can, of course, imagine that we can perceive space itself, because, say, we can tell whether a car is a ways down the block or right upon us. Mostly we do not realize that this is an acquired ability which depends upon our familiarity with the surrounding objects, such as houses, trees, people and their relative sizes as they appear to us. The baby cannot do it until he learns these relationships, nor can the astronomers always place the heavenly bodies in the right relationship and juxtaposition to themselves and our planet. To the philosopher, space looks suspiciously like an abstraction, or pure mental concept, which we have to suppose has an independent existence because we have no other means of placing the objects of our observations in a sequential order with respect to themselves and ourselves. This being an extremely useful and necessary thing to do, it is quite proper for us to do it . . . always remembering, however, that space itself has never been observed.

When we measure a mountain in terms of length, thickness and height, we use mental measuring tools which we call dimensions . . . three of them. Objective realities, like the mountain, are not concerned with our method of measurement. Only we are. Thus dimensions are no more than tools of the mind, such as the imaginary numbers ($\sqrt{-2}$). In our daily lives and our mathematical work, we use such mental tools much of the time. They enable us better to comprehend and apprehend the universe in which we live and the planet on which we move about. (Cont. on next page)



A FEW THOUGHTS ON 4TH DIMENSION (cont.)

These general statements apply to the three measuring dimensions which we use and also, of course, to the 4th, 5th or Nth Dimensions as well. In the last hundred years, science has found a lot of uses for the so-called hyperspaces, such as the 4th Dimension. Qabalah trains aspirants in understanding measured relationships through the Tree of Life, in order to bring about 4th Dimensional awareness, as well as improved understanding of three-dimensional experience.

Thus a good definition of the 4th Dimension for the metaphysician and occultist is to regard this and higher dimensions as areas of Reality beyond the observational scope of our usual awarenesses (see Tarot Key No. 20). Placing the 4th and higher dimensions in the same general category with the three which we think we know all about . . . namely that they are no more than tools of the mind . . . will help dispel the mystery, glamour and confusion which exist in so many minds when the 4th Dimension is mentioned.



The most beautiful and most profound emotion we can experience is the sensation of the mystical. It is the power of all true science . . . To know that what is impenetrable to us really exists, manifesting itself as the highest wisdom and the most radiant beauty which our dull faculties can comprehend only in their most primitive forms—this knowledge, this feeling, is at the center of true religiousness.

ALBERT EINSTEIN



TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

+++ Due to the urgent demands of our ever-growing New Zealand branch, the Rev. Ann Davies is currently on her second lecture tour in that country. During her absence, we will have three eminently qualified guest speakers for our 11:00 A.M. Sunday services:

FELIX J. FRAZER, Grand Prolocutor of B.O.T.A. He is widely known as a lecturer in the field of Scientific Psychic Research.

EUGENE E. EMARD, an advanced Initiate of the Inner Order of B.O.T.A. and dynamic lecturer. The Rev. Emard has a vast knowledge and understanding in the occult field.

NINA FERN BRUNIER, a highly trained Qabalist and mystic. She is also an advanced Initiate of the Inner Order of B.O.T.A.

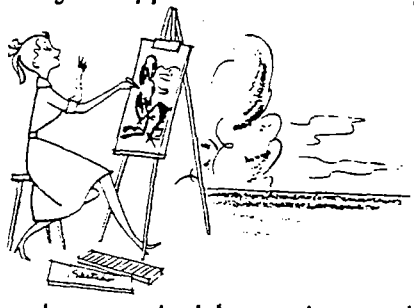
+++ During the recent visit of Mr. Alastair Wallace to Los Angeles headquarters, he was ordained by Ann Davies, Prolocutor General of B.O.T.A. In a special ceremony, Mr. Wallace was presented with a beautiful lamen, symbolizing his office as head of the New Zealand branch of B.O.T.A. The significant emblem, a six-pointed star in gold with a silver, equal-armed cross in the center set in white brilliants, was made to order by Fellow Builder Joseph Nolen. Mr. Nolen, a jeweler by profession, is well-known as a creator and designer of symbolical and astrological jewelry of unusual beauty and craftsmanship. If you are interested in more information about his jewelry and a free brochure, write to Joseph Nolen, 1137 East Wilson Avenue, Glendale, California.

A CASE HISTORY FROM OUR FILES

Jan. 15, 1964

Dear B.O.T.A.

Would you please help me with a personal problem? For three years I have been using the Seven Steps method and the Tarot Keys in an effort to attain a specific Goal. Several times this goal has seemed close to realization, but then something always happened and I was forced to begin anew.



I am a successful commercial artist, in my mid-thirties, and considered very attractive. The goal I find so difficult to attain is finding a man to marry. Up until about four years ago, being unmarried did not bother me at all. As a child I had been subjected to domineering parents, so the freedom and independence of solitary living appealed to me for some time. Recently, however, I began to realize that something was missing in my life - a man of my own and the security, love and, perhaps, children that only marriage can bring. But I didn't know it would be so difficult to find the right man!

Two years ago I almost married, but the man was too possessive. He wanted a report from me on everywhere I went and everything I did when not in his presence. Naturally, with my independent nature, I could not stand for this type of despotism.





Another man I considered marrying turned out to be in search of a mother. I am discerning enough to realize that he would want me to be concentrating on him every moment, and I would have to spend all of my time humoring him. I hope you do not think, from all this, that I am looking for the perfect man. But, after waiting so long for marriage, I do want it to last. Can you offer any suggestions for a better approach to my goal?

F. R.

Jan. 22, 1964

Dear F. R.



After reading your letter with much thought and care, we have decided that your trouble is conflict of desires. Consciously you want marriage and love, but subconsciously you want independence still more. You cannot have what you want when you also want its opposite. Deeply rooted subconscious conditionings usually predominate until we are able to become aware of them and transmute them.

First of all, recognize that your insistence upon independence may be a rationalization of a fear of domination and responsibility. Teach yourself to see that freedom is not a matter of having no one to be responsible to. In the final analysis, those who feel most free consider responsibility a privilege rather than a burden. They have freely chosen to fulfill other peoples' desires and needs because they have found that is what brings them their greatest happiness.

Remember, also, that which is really You (your Higher Self) is forever free. Look at Tarot Key No. 0, The Fool. He carries his responsibilities gaily, and,

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A CASE HISTORY (Cont.)



looking toward the heights, he is willing to descend into the limitations of the valley of experience. There is no other way to attain the next height. You must be willing to accept the sorrows and problems, as well as the joys and security, of marriage. Learn to watch yourself and your reactions. Use Tarot Key No. 7 to gain a more objective view of your personality, thus freeing yourself from negative automatic responses that conflict with conscious desire.

Soror A

May 7, 1964

Dear Soror A:

When I first read your answer I was shocked and completely rejected the idea that I could be working against myself. As time went by, however, I began to realize that something was wrong, and this could just possibly be the trouble. Here I was, longing for a husband to love, yet always stipulating that I wanted to retain my freedom and independence. As I worked with my Tarot Keys, it slowly dawned on me that I was not free at all. I was a prisoner of my unreasoning desire for independence, letting all the joy and love of life pass me by in my fetish for freedom. What a revelation! It was hard to take at first, but I saw that I had not been willing to give anything to a relationship. I wanted to take love and security and give nothing of myself.



As I continued with my Tarot studies and learned to watch my personality more objectively, my responses and dogmatic ideas began to change. Now to the exciting part. I am to be married in three weeks! I know nothing will go wrong this time. I still have much to learn, and there will be many conflicts and misunderstandings ahead - but now I know what to do. When problems arise, I will go to my Tarot and find the beginnings of the answer.

Incidentally, he is a perfect darling. I'm glad I waited for him. He is domineering at times, but not too much so. He is a little boy at times too, but I think it is adorable in him. Is it my new found enlightenment, or am I just in Love?

F. R.

May 15, 1964

Dear F. R.



It's both! Your new found enlightenment made it possible for you to truly fall in love. You are now able to adore what once you found annoying. That is real enlightenment!

Soror A

When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee.

—PROVERBS 2:10-11

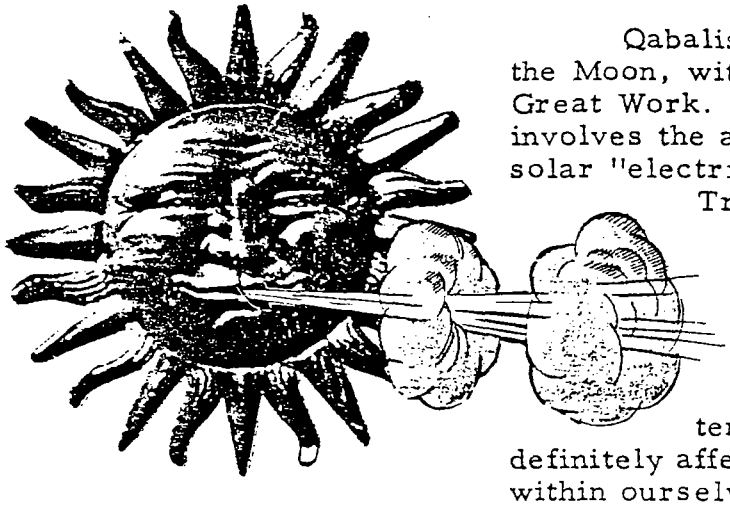
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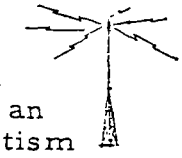
SURYA AND RAYI

By Catherine E. Morton, Research Editor

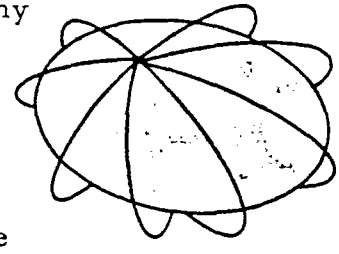


Qabalistic tradition teaches that the Sun and the Moon, with the aid of Mercury, perform the Great Work. The regeneration of the personality involves the achievement of balance between the hot, solar "electric" current of life, called by the Eastern Tradition "Surya", and the cool, lunar "magnetic" current, called "Rayi". Recent discoveries in the field of electro-magnetism seem to indicate that life on earth would never have arisen, had not such a balance been achieved early in this planet's existence, and that, even now, our health is definitely affected by variations in such a balance within ourselves.

There is no subject still more mysterious to physics than that of electro-magnetism. No one yet knows exactly what electricity is, much less magnetism. Their operation and effects and the close relationship between them are, however, becoming better known. Magnetism and electricity both interrupt and arouse each other. Electricity creates an electromagnet; used otherwise, electricity can demagnetize. Magnetism can induce an electrical current, but it is used to interrupt the flow of electricity in cryogenic superconductors.



Today, as in by-gone ages, a fierce electrical wind sweeps from the sun through the solar system, a wind of radiation that would have completely prevented the evolution on earth of semi-organic molecules, let alone any forms of higher life, had the earth's magnetic field, once it developed, not bent the radiation away from the planet. Part of this deflected radiation forms the Van Allen belts. Part is turned into outer space. The part that leaks in, where the curving lines of magnetic force gape at the poles, creates the beauty of the aurora borealis and the aurora australis. But, according to Dr. Uffen, the proposer of this new theory on the creation of life, earth would be devoid of life to admire the aurorae that might have shone all over it, had its magnetism not interrupted partially the electric storm that blows always from the sun.





Dr. R. O. Becker has recently added another interesting piece of research to the growing field of electromagnetism in medicine. It has been established for some time that cells, including human cells, are semi-conductors. Some doubt was held still that the lightning quick reflex and mental responses of the human, or animal, organism could be electrically transmitted. But Dr. Becker and his associates seem to have proved conclusively that it is the electric current in the motor nerves that stimulates the muscles to move. He went beyond this. Knowing the research in physics on the interplay of electricity with magnetism, and convinced that the nervous system in its entirety was

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SURYA AND RAYI (Cont.)

powered by electricity, he correlated the admissions of patients to mental hospitals with the daily (sun-induced) and monthly (moon-induced) fluctuations in the earth's magnetic field. His investigation established a direct and close relationship between disturbances to the patients' central nervous systems and changes in the magnetic field of the earth!

So we do have electric currents playing through us, and magnetism has a strong effect upon them. One day, perhaps, medicine will establish the optimum relationship between them for physical and mental health. For the initiate of the Western Mystery Schools, the knowledge is already available, and the secret is balance and cooperation consciously achieved. For the Sun (Superconsciousness) and the Moon (Subconsciousness) can perform their proper roles only with the aid of Mercury, the Magician (Self-consciousness).

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SHARING A LETTER FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS . . . . . .

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Spokane, Washington
January 30, 1964

Dear Ann Davies:

I would like to send forth an expression of appreciation for the influence of B.O.T.A. in my life and affairs.

The first several months of study was like getting the door cracked open just enough to catch a glimmer, knowing something great was beyond the door, but with no help to get the crack opened. I was a lone wolf in the middle of the desert without any water. A call was put in to headquarters in an attempt to find some fellow travelers in this area for a get-together and exchange of ideas. It was rather disconcerting at the time that such a cry for help did not bear fruit. There must have been a reason for this that was not apparent at the time.

Almost seven years have now passed since the commencement of the work. For long stretches from one to three hours a day have been spent in study. It may have constituted a discipline, but never a burden. I have been "carried and pushed along the way". A review of the entire work has been undertaken and is about half completed. I find the review opens up tremendous energies and practically takes over. Miracles have happened for others healthwise and business-wise. One full year of happiness has been experienced without a break, to the point that it was hard to contain myself. As high as five days of ecstasy have been experienced at a time, and all of this while at work and earning a living.

In 1960 the intuitive knowledge came through that we were released from work "by the sweat of the brow". It came so clearly that it was accepted at face value and has been acted upon ever since, manifesting in the business world and carrying on every day, but not by means of the "sweat of the brow". I have had an interesting time of it and have been taken care of beautifully. There has also been a change in social activities and reactions in a peculiar way that is hard to put into words.

Time is spent with the lesson material and cards before going to work each day. If a time is missed, it is like missing a meal. The minute the work is picked up, there is such a charge of power that at times I am almost overcome. When work is being done for others, or for world conditions, which is becoming a habit, the energy and direction takes over or blanks out, depending on persons

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LETTER - INSPIRATION (cont.)

worked for, or the problem. When I encounter a blank or a stone wall type of reaction, I stop it and wait a day or two. Usually I will get an answer and guidance the next morning right after I get up, which leads me to either carry on with the work in a given direction or back off.

I am sure you will be interested in knowing that since Christmas there has been an almost overwhelming input of energies and clear vision, and when I read, the words actually become alive. It is a tremendous experience, and you can rest assured that I am humbled and most grateful.

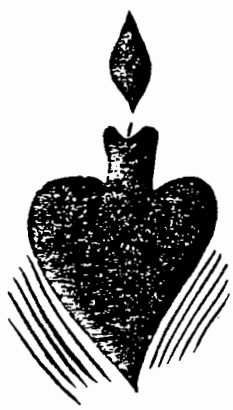
I have hesitated to ask for your advanced work which was mentioned at the end of the course. I want it, and shall leave it up to you in your wisdom as to whether I receive it at this time.

It is only in these last seven years that I can touch and see and definitely know something, and I feel pretty enthusiastic about it. The part you are playing in this world of ours is much appreciated, and I trust that I can do my part.

Sincerely, Ann Rains

SLOWLY, THROUGH ALL THE UNIVERSE, THAT TEMPLE OF GOD IS BEING BUILT WHEREVER, IN ANY WORLD, A SOUL, BY FREE-WILLED OBEDIENCE CATCHES THE FIRE OF GOD'S LIKENESS. WHEN IN YOUR HARD FIGHT, IN YOUR TIRESOME DRUDGERY OR IN YOUR TERRIBLE TEMPTATION, YOU CATCH THE PURPOSE OF YOUR BEING, AND GIVE YOURSELF TO GOD, AND SO GIVE HIM THE CHANCE TO GIVE HIMSELF TO YOU, YOUR LIFE, A LIVING STONE, IS TAKEN UP AND SET INTO THE GROWING WALL.
—PHILLIPS BROOKS

LET ME CUP MY HANDS
ABOVE THE CANDLE
OF ANOTHER'S HEART.
WHEN IN THE NIGHT
THERE IS WIND AND RAIN,
LET ME HOLD MY FINGERS GENTLY
IN SHELTER,
TO SHIELD THE FLICKERING FLAME
UNTIL IT GLOWS AND GROWS
AND LEAPS UP HIGH
TO MEET THE GLORY
OF THE DAWN,
THE LIGHT OF
A NEW BORN DAY.



—Yolanda Harris, Fellow Builder

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MY MYSTICAL UNIVERSE

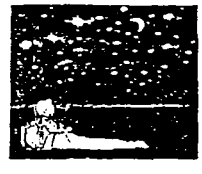
(Part IV - Relativity)

By Ann Davies, Prolocutor General



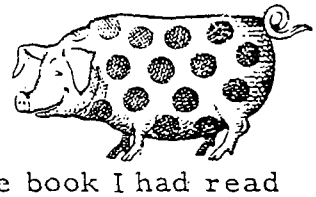


It was a little past my ninth birthday when I read my first book on astronomy, written for children, which I had taken out of the library. The delight I experienced at the ideas expressed in this book can only be compared to or equalled by the ecstasy of people who have fallen in love.



From the time I could remember I had slept out of doors, from April until the first snow. The sun, the moon and stars were intimate friends of mine. I had memorized every starry pattern and given them my own names. (I still think some of mine were better than the names given to constellations by our scientists.) Of course, I did not know at the time that these patterns already had names.

In the book I read, I received my first ideas about atoms. That night, as I lovingly greeted my friends, the stars, I found myself wondering about the size of the universe; the size of the stars, planets and atoms. I thought, "Wouldn't it be funny if our Sun and its planets were just an atom on some bigger body . . . maybe that of a pig?" This idea charmed me. I got to thinking how strange it would be if all the living and dying of all the people and creatures in our world were occurring on an electron which was really part of an animal! The book I had read very clearly stated that every single object in the world was composed of atoms in special patterns, and that every atom could be thought of as being a center like the sun, and the electrons like the revolving planets.





This raised another thought. If my body was composed of innumerable atoms, I wondered, "Could there be somewhere, inside of my body, an electron which looked like a planet upon which people lived? And could there be a little girl on this electron-planet, looking out at stars, which were really the atoms of my own physical body, and wondering also at the size of the universe? Trying to pierce its mysteries?"

This led me to realize that I could go along like this forever in both directions, both large and small. If the starry heavens I looked upon were merely a group of atoms inside or composing the body of an animal, which was on a planet which had larger starry heavens . . . and so on in the direction of the large, the macroscopic . . . then there easily could be no end to it; universe within universe within universe, each microscopically smaller, could be inside my body!

MY MYSTICAL UNIVERSE (Cont.)


Awareness

As I attempted to stretch my mind to cover this questing in both directions, longing to pierce the veils of mystery, longing to know what Reality really was in terms of the created universe, I felt a vibration sweep through me and I knew that wherever consciousness reached, there it was, automatically. I became aware of the universe as existing inside of me, inside of my consciousness. I felt that the mystery of the mind was such that it could expand itself out infinitely and instantly in all directions, as well as contract itself down into the most minute form.

But this experience did not satisfy me. It did not give me any "how" or "why". My child's mind was unable to cope with the meaning of the experience, except to realize that the mystery resided in consciousness and that its solution must be found there. But I still did not understand just what I meant by "consciousness". However, I used to experience deep satisfaction at times, when I was annoyed with others, by thinking how insignificant they would feel (people who were reaching for self-importance) if they suspected that they might be a mere nothing on a planet-like part of an atom amongst trillions of atoms composing the body of something like a pig or a snake. My secret chuckle at this idea kept me from ever being able to take myself too seriously from that time on.



I collided with the question of "Free Will" between the years of ten and eleven, which brought tremendous mystical perception. I will share this experience with you in my next article in this series.

FLEA

Great fleas have little fleas upon their backs to bite 'em,
And little fleas have lesser fleas, and so ad infinitum.
And the great fleas themselves, in turn, have greater fleas to go on;
While these again have greater still, and greater still, and so on.

AUGUSTUS DE MORGAN—
A Budget of Paradoxes



OH, the worlds and systems of worlds that the night reveals -- the outlook off into infinity which the darkness brings! When the day is done, when the night falls, how are the heavens opened! How is the universe extended! how are the glory and the sublimity of creation multiplied! Out of the deep shadow of the earth what lights we behold! what rays penetrate to us from the farthermost depths of space! When the sun is gone, myriads of other suns are born."

— JOHN BURROUGHS

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO OUR POST-GRADUATE STUDENTS ONLY:

We now have available the first course in our promised series of advanced studies. If you have completed our basic curriculum, including the course on the "Great Work", you are eligible to receive this new series. If you have not already signed up for it, we urge you to write to us, so we can begin mailing these new lessons to you.

. . . NO MAN IS AN ISLAND . . .

By Harriet B. Case, Grand Cancellaria



You have often heard it said that "No man is an island unto himself". It is also true that each one of us contains within himself the whole universe, the sun, moon and stars and all the planets and the creative power of God. If we did not contain these concepts and principles within us, we could not comprehend them when they were presented to us. As an example, how could we understand compassion unless we had the feeling of compassion within us, at least latent? This truth has often been stressed by our Prolocutor General, the Rev. Ann Davies, in her talks to the students.

When we speak about the whole universe being within us (you and me), we are not referring to the external man, the brain or human intellect, but to the "Soul and Spirit at the very center of our being, where the whole universe exists and where we are contained and sustained as individual entities in the consciousness of God". (W. T. Pole, "The Silent Road".)

We are told, in the wonderfully clear and succinct teachings as given us by Dr. Paul Foster Case in the B.O.T.A. lessons, that all the qualities and powers of the twenty-two Tarot Keys are aspects of our own nature. This is true, for we <u>are</u> that Whole Being. In some persons, certain aspects are more developed; in others, different qualities and aspects are stressed. This is necessary, because we are all working to achieve in <u>manifestation</u> that wholeness which we are in potential. This, of course, takes many lives of varied experiences before the balanced, well-rounded individual manifests the Mastery which is the destiny of all of us. The older Soul is distinguished by his ability to master not only his various bodies - physical, emotional and mental - but his environment and the conditions of his life. He is often, like Michaelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci, skilled in many fields of art and science, in which he appears to need little training in this particular incarnation.

On the outer plane, we appear to be so separated. Unless we are naturally very telepathic, it does not seem as if even our thoughts and feelings could be sensed by others, except by means of words or actions. But this is not actually so. On the contrary, we are constantly projecting our thoughts and emotions to others, and in turn are receiving the impact of their radiations within our subconsciousness. For although the majority of persons are not sufficiently sensitive to be consciously aware of it, what we say and do, feel and think, affects the whole universe. The whole universe <u>is</u> within each of us. The Creative Power is there, too, waiting to be rightly used, and if you use it properly, you are helping to tip the scales of world evolution and progress in the right direction. In other words, you are becoming a co-creator (or co-operator) with the Hierarchy and the universal forces, the Dancer in the center of Key No. 21.

Therefore, my Brothers and Sisters in L.V.X., try to remember that all your thoughts, feelings and actions affect others for good or ill, according to what you are consciously or subconsciously broadcasting. Remember, too, that Jesus said: "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." As we lift up the Christ in us, we are helping - like bits of leaven - to lift up the consciousness of the world.

Again I repeat, "No man is an island unto himself."



WE SHARE WITH YOU . . . . .

Dear B.O.T.A.

I believe my small daughter, Esther Grace, is your youngest Tarot student. I have been teaching her right along with my own studies. She is really doing wonderfully well. At two years she has a good working knowledge of the first six Keys. Each day she decides she is one of the Keys. She will say, "I am the Fool" or "I am the Magician".

The following two writings flowed to me when Esther Grace asked me to sing her "The Fool" and "The Magician". I sing her to sleep, telling in song form the story of each Key.

Evelyn Macumber, Roseville, Mich.

Tarot Key Lullabies





THE FOOL

I am the Fool, the Free Spirit,
The breath of life I breathe.
I stand on high for all to see
That I am you, and you are me.

We all are one, we all are free,
For I am you, and you are me.
You say your skin is not like mine,
You say to heights I cannot climb.
Yet how can this in real truth be,
If I am you and you are me.

It seems so right to feel and be
At one with God, both you and me.
If I love you, can't you love me?
For I am you, and you are me.

THE MAGICIAN

The Magician stands so tall and straight,
Why can't I be him - here and now?
I know the rule and I know how.

So let the Life Force flow through me,
I'll work it right for all to see,
Then I'll be you and you'll be me.

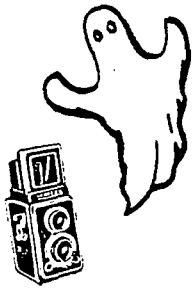
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SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHY

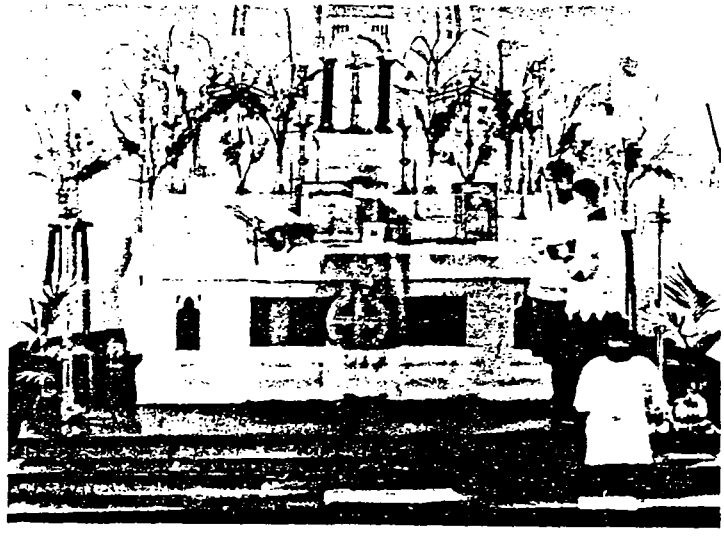
By Felix J. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor



My previous articles on spirit (or paranormal) photography have appeared in recent issues of this periodical and aroused great interest in various parts of the world. One photograph showed my colleague, Arthur Von Salay, disappearing before the camera . . . i.e. the background lamp could be seen through him. This type of psychic phenomena, while unusual, is not unknown to psychic research. However, authenticated and well-documented pictures of it are rare indeed.

Because of my articles, I heard from Alastair O. Wallace, who is the spiritual head of the large New Zealand branch of B.O.T.A. He told me that one of our students there, a man of high spiritual character, had taken several spirit photographs, and among them was one of a Catholic priest disappearing before the altar during a wedding ceremony. Thus I wrote to Brother William Ball asking to borrow the negative and requesting a letter of transmittal which would give the complete circumstances surrounding the taking of this picture. I shortly received two negatives and the letter, from which I now quote:

"The occasion of this phenomenon was during the wedding ceremony of my brother in 1935. The priest officiating was a man of high spiritual attainment, and I really mean that!



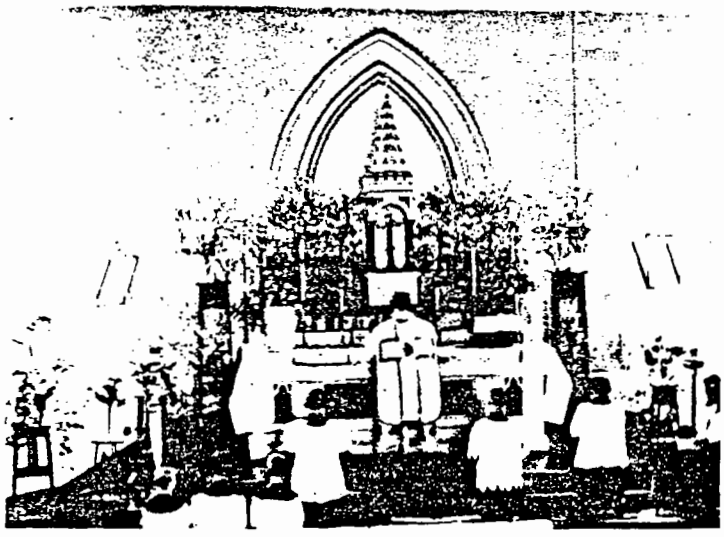
Picture 1

"If you understand the ceremony of the Roman Catholic mass, you will know that the priest is moving about constantly; and as we did not have the ultra-rapid plates in those days, I had to wait until he had taken the Host (or Communion) before I could make a time exposure. This period, when the priest is offering up his thanksgiving, is the most sacred part of the whole mass, and also the only time he is perfectly still.

"Having been brought up in the Roman Catholic faith, and also having assisted as an altar boy over a number of years . . . in fact my parents had hopes that I would become a priest and had me educated in a seminary . . . I knew that this was the best period for an exposure. The result, as you see, is on the negative. (Picture 1.)

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Picture 2

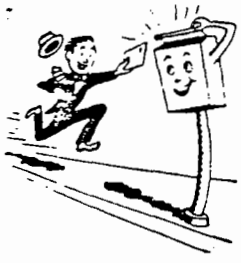
episode, as you will observe on the second negative (Picture 2): another wedding, same church, same position almost, but a different priest. The reason for the second photo was that another young couple were so intrigued by the photographic result of my brother's wedding that they arranged to have their wedding in the same church, on the same day and hour, but one year later. In the meantime the original priest had been transferred to another parish, and his successor was of a vastly different character. He could not ascend above Malkuth (the physical or earth plane), but a good man in his own way. We were quite good friends until he passed on. To him, I was always 'the Pagan'.

"I have taken many spirit photographs over the years, but have never bothered to cultivate the gift . . . "

In picture 1, if an explanation is needed, we see the priest kneeling before the altar with the cross on the front of the altar and the altar itself plainly showing through him. If you look carefully, you will see the top section of the cross on his surplice, which is plainly seen in Picture 2, taken a year later with another priest officiating.

The research I have done on this picture and those connected with it prove, in my opinion, its authenticity beyond a doubt. Thus I am happy to present it to you as still further evidence of the existence of what I like to call the unseen worlds.

WE GET LETTERS .....



Dear Editor:

I received the ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES recently and certainly do enjoy reading them. I particularly like reading the letters and poems from the boys in prison. I am most interested in their progress and how they are benefitting from their B.O.T.A. lessons.

H. G.

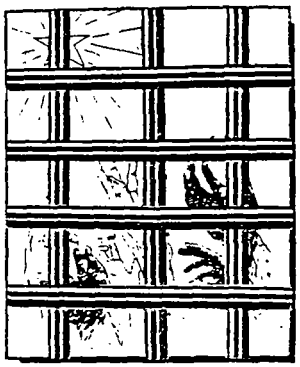
Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a cheque to cover three months dues for one of our Fellow Builders. Please apply it to help with the program you are carrying out with those who have been unfortunate enough to have found themselves in prison. I'm so pleased to see in the ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES how much this is helping.

L. M.

"LIBERATION" IN ACTION

Dear Readers:



Many of you are helping to sponsor your Fellow Builders in prison. We know all of you are interested in their spiritual development through B.O.T.A. studies.

The evidence of the amazing progress they are making through your help could be expressed no more eloquently or beautifully than in their own words.

Here are a few excerpts from letters we have recently received from our Fellow Builders behind prison walls. They do justice to the faith we have all had in them. —— Editor

Dear B.O.T.A.

With your help I've gained a new perspective of myself - of my assets and liabilities for my work as laid out in the principles of B.O.T.A. I am also able to help my brothers here when they need counsel. I have experienced freedom from emotional slavery and anxieties. I have developed a sense of moral obligation and intellectual humiliation. I know that my Soul has begun its journey toward the realm of grace.

J. Mc.

Dear B.O.T.A.

I can truthfully say my life has been on the uprise ever since my fourth lesson in B.O.T.A. It is really amazing how far I am able to see now. It also amazes me to find that I understand much more and much better about myself, as well as about others that move about me in this world of battered souls and minds in which I now live.

T. O. Jr.

Dear B.O.T.A.

I think that these lessons have sharpened my mind and will lead me up to the path of Light and understanding of life. When I get outside again I will be able to get a better job and all the mistakes will be marked out. Love and understanding will replace them. May God bless you and guide you.

B. A.

Dear B.O.T.A.

. . . It gives a man a great feeling to belong to an organization that wants you to belong. It gives me a real satisfaction when I can steer another human to the right way of living. Before I tell him about B.O.T.A., he has to show me that he really wants to belong. I thank God for the day B.O.T.A. came into my life. Up until that day I had no one to turn to. I held everything to myself. That day is past. Now I have you. That is why I and a lot of others in this neck of the woods are so concerned about everyone in B.O.T.A. We know that you are all doing everything possible to help us who have been unfortunate enough to have let ourselves get into this kind of mess. You are helping us to help ourselves, to make a better life for ourselves in the future. All of us appreciate this, and we know that through the help of God we will overcome our past mistakes.

J. R.

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"LIBERATION" IN ACTION (Cont.)

Dear B.O.T.A.

. . . I, too, have noticed changes in myself, Rev. Case. I never want the warm inner feeling of peace that I now possess to die. I am doing what I want and feel should be done in order to live a different life than the one I have lived in the past. I find it is not so difficult or bitter as I had once supposed it to be. On the contrary, it is a wonderful and satisfying experience. I know that I have just opened the door, so to speak, but I have full confidence that my seeking will not be unfruitful. What amazes me is that the road is not so rough as I had been lead to believe before I started B.O.T.A. For this I am truly thankful to all of you.

R. R.

Dear B.O.T.A.

. . . Since beginning my studies I have experienced myself as being imbued with Light. I know that when I lie down at night and when I wake up in the morning this same Light will be with me and never leave me. I know that all members of B.O.T.A. are saying prayers for me. I feel the nearness of every one of you who are working for my progress. I will say again - thank you every one from the depths of my heart.

A. J. J.

Dear B.O.T.A.

. . . I am indeed overwhelmed to the extent of being somewhat speechless in conveying what Tarot means to me. First of all, the course is most appropriately worded and imparts priceless knowledge which is so greatly appreciated by me and those of our Fellow Builders with whom I often discuss Tarot. One of our fellow builders and I daily go over the lessons. He is far more advanced than I, but he is patient with me and gives me much help. He said the attributes which I so admire in him were gained through diligent study of B.O.T.A. I am confident that I, too, will acquire his understanding as I advance in the studies.

J. P.

Dear B.O.T.A.

. . . I am quite sure as I progress with these lessons that I will be successful in reaching my chosen goal. I am fortunate in having other members here who are more advanced than I who are willing to help me with my studies. The more advanced members are wonderful in the way they help and encourage beginners.

C. E.

Dear B.O.T.A.

Just the few months I have worked on these first B.O.T.A. lessons has changed me and my views completely. I now realize that I stand as an individual in God's Divine connection. These studies have fortified me with a clarity of mind, self-confidence, and a power to cope better with the affairs of life.

B. M.

REMEMBER — B.O.T.A. is dependent upon your donations for the spiritual rehabilitation of these, our brothers, as well as for its continued service to you. BE AN ANGEL. *Contributions, tithings and legacies are tax-deductible.*

DISSOLUTION AND EVOLUTION

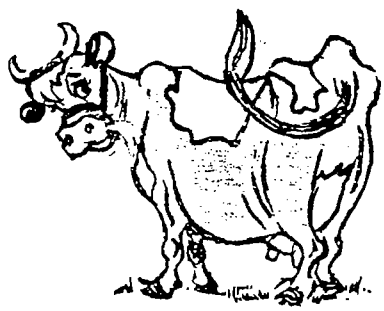
By Catherine E. Morton, Research Editor



Interrelatedness of all living organisms

There is an old Qabalistic saying, charmingly expressive of the unity of all that is on earth, that God "sleeps in the stone, dreams in the plant, stirs in the animal, and wakes in mankind". Certainly, we have all observed the human-like reactions of animals, especially of our own pets. Those of us who are gardeners have no doubt as to the sense and sensibility of vegetable life. And a nodding acquaintance with crystallography makes it clear that minerals have a strange life of their own. Even in solution, crystals of a given salt "remember" the lines of force that reconstitute them when the solution evaporates.

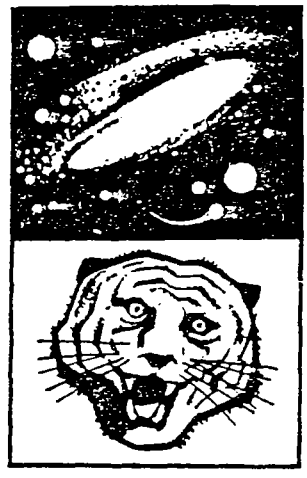
There are also borderline forms of life, bridging the gap between the great kingdoms: the tobacco mosaic virus can be reduced to a crystalline form as apparently devoid of life as a lump of salt, and the crystal itself analyzed into its component elements. Yet when these are reassembled and the correct conditions provided, the crystal becomes an animate virus again, quite capable of damaging tobacco plants. Similarly, although the usual distinction between plants and animals is that the former create their food from mineral matter and moisture by means of sunlight, while the latter feed upon other animals or plants, there are such carnivorous plants as the Venus fly-trap, as well as lowly unicellular "plants" that both create food by photosynthesis and capture other protozoans to eat.



By and large, however, apart from parasitic forms, each kingdom feeds on the dissolution of those that forerun it. Plants break up the stones to obtain their food. Animals eat plants or plant-eating animals. Man eats both plants and animals, and turns the mineral elements to his service.

In the macrocosm depicted on the glyph of the "Tree of Life", the farthest point of involution into matter is the mineral kingdom of Malkuth. Here starlight -- pure energy -- has reached its extreme point of density. The experiments conducted in Chicago some fifteen years ago tend to indicate that the action of cosmic radiation and lightning on the predominently nitrogenous compounds of a carbon-water cycle planet such a Earth inevitably produce compounds capable of self-reproduction, or to be simpler, living matter. Early life of this kind, creating its food by photosynthesis, and releasing oxygen as a waste product, gradually built up the atmosphere in which the greedier animal life could be sustained. And as plants produce the dissolution of the mineral kingdom to support their own more sensate (continued on next page)

DISSOLUTION AND EVOLUTION (Cont.)



existence, so animals despoil plants to support their yet more conscious level of existence. And those animals that feed on other animals are on the whole more intelligent than those upon which they feed; they would have a thin time finding a dinner, if they were not.

We, like the tobacco mosaic virus, are of two kingdoms. Biologically, we are animals; spiritually, we are divine. Divine, in more than the sense in which all is part of God, for we are capable of being conscious of our divinity and of co-operating with the divine plan consciously. Hence, when we cause the dissolution of a crystal of salt, a leaf of lettuce, or a plump lamb chop, it is open to us to do so unthinkingly, as an animal, or in conscious dedication to the building of the adytum within that houses our God-selves. Nothing is made of nothing, and one must destroy to build; as a corollary, we should remember to build, whenever we destroy.

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

+++ Following her return from a triumphant lecture tour of New Zealand, the Rev. Ann Davies begins her new personally conducted class series on Thursday, October 8, 1964 at 8:00 P.M. The name of this ten-week series is "ATTAINMENT ON THE QABALISTIC TREE OF LIFE - The Hidden Teachings of the Master Jesus (Rabbi of Nazareth) Revealed". This course will encompass new dimensions and new vistas in the age-old Tree of Life methods for Spiritual Advancement. We are able to offer this opportunity for learning these highly advanced esoteric teachings because the spiritual age of the world has finally advanced to a point where knowledge hitherto expounded only to close disciples may now safely be revealed to true Spiritual Aspirants.

+++ We wish to express our love and thanks to Fellow Builder Joseph Nolen, who serves us so beautifully as Temple solist at the Sunday morning services. A master jewelry designer by profession, he is now designing a special B.O.T.A. pin, taken from the Cube symbolism on our letterhead. He is also designing a Tree of Life, which can be used either as a pendant or as a pin. If you are interested in acquiring either of these, write to Joseph Nolen, 1139-A East Wilson Avenue, Glendale, California 91206.



Benign Brother

+++ Our regular Sunday service, which includes the use of Qabalistic Mantras and the invocation of Divine names, is held every Sunday morning at 11:00 A.M. The Rev. Ann Davies will return to conduct the Sunday morning services on October 11, 1964. We urge all in our vicinity to attend and welcome back our beloved Prolocutor General after her long sojourn overseas.

A CASE HISTORY FROM OUR FILES

June 15, 1964



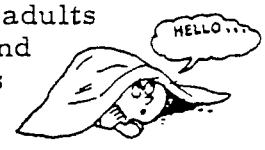
Dear B.O.T.A.

To begin with, I might as well tell you I am a boy only sixteen years old. I am just starting in Tarot Fundamentals. This study is very interesting, and is helping me to understand life better. Maybe you could help me a little more. I do not have any confidence in myself with other people my age. Please believe me, it is not because I am unfriendly or anything like that. I try to be nice to everybody, but it doesn't help much. When I join in with others my age in conversation, somebody always answers back and makes me look very stupid. It is even worse with girls. I am pretty good looking, so before I talk they seem to like me. But when I open my mouth, I spoil everything. I always say the wrong thing. I say something that even sounds stupid to me. It's funny, but I don't have this trouble with adults. I can talk to them easily. They think I am very clever and interesting. I know these lessons will help me in the long run; but if you could give me a little advice on how to be more popular to tide me over, I would appreciate it very much.

M. R.

June 23, 1964





Dear M. R.

Because you are young and sensitive, you are very self-conscious. In your desire to be liked and accepted by those your own age, you are so over-conscious of the impression you are making that you cannot be natural and poised. With adults you probably feel they don't expect so much of you and will not hurt you, so you can be natural. The others your age sense your predicament and use your lack of self-confidence to make themselves look clever. They, too, want to make a good impression, but unlike you, they do not mind hurting others to achieve it. The first thing you must realize is that their opinion of you is colored by their own level of understanding. Remember that adults find you interesting. The younger people are judging from a very limited knowledge of what is valuable in human personality.



Look at Tarot Key No. 15. It has to do with seeing through appearances to Reality. You have been accepting a false standard for yourself. Your True Self is symbolized by Tarot Key No. 0, the Fool; unlimited in its possibilities for growth, unlimited in what it can achieve. Use this Key to gain confidence in your own abilities.



Now look at Tarot Key No. 14. It is related to the testing and trying we all must go through to develop our powers of awareness. It is the way you react to these apparent miseries that is important. I know that what you are going through is very difficult. Feel a compassion for the struggles of those who hurt you. Remember that they, too, are only wishing to be noticed. In this way their evaluation of you will not bother you so much, and you will not be so likely to lose your poise.

Another important thing is to learn to like your own personality; we must like ourselves if others are to like us. When we <u>feel</u> we are

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A CASE HISTORY (Cont.)

lovable, we attract love and acceptance to ourselves. Concentrate on your good points and remember the unlimited possibilities of your Real Self.

Soror A

Aug. 29, 1964

Dear Soror A:

You certainly did help me to use what I am learning in these lessons. The most important thing I did was to stop being so hurt by what other people thought of me. I started to see, like you said, that they weren't too much surer of themselves than I was. So when they teased me, I didn't get so upset. I felt sorry for them because they didn't know a better way to feel important. I also found that I was trying to make friends with the ones who were considered very popular. I was going by their standards of worth, too, wasn't I? So I started making friends with the ones who were sort of outcasts like myself. I have much more self-confidence now. I really had been picturing myself as very dull and unlikable. I even have a girl friend now. She is going to take the lessons because she has been unhappy and wants to understand about life too. I felt very good because I was able to help her feel liked. I also learned to listen more to other people. That's one way to be sure you don't say anything stupid, isn't it? Besides that, people really like to have someone listen to them.



M. R.

Sept. 6, 1964

Dear M. R.



We are all so pleased with your remarkable progress. What you have already grasped and put into practice would be amazing even in someone twice your age. And your observation on the merits of listening is very discerning. I don't see how you can help achieving unlimited popularity. Is there anyone more in demand, and at the same time more difficult to find, than a good listener?

Soror A

From listening comes wisdom, and from speaking repentance.
ITALIAN PROVERB

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What you think of yourself is much more important than what others think of you.
SENECA, *Epistulae ad Lucilium*

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A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something.
WILSON MIZNER

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If you tell me how you get your feeling of importance, I'll tell you what you are. That determines your character. That is the most significant thing about you.
DALE CARNEGIE, *How to Win Friends and Influence People*

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ON LOOKING AT AN ARRANGEMENT OF TAROT CARDS . .·.·.·

These cards picture the glories of the celestial forces which play upon us; but deaf and blind to their presence, mankind creeps or struggles in a maze of material chaos.

He who might walk like a god in a cosmic world, grovels terrified in the dust before material power, grabbing at objects he imagines will protect him from the terror of being alone, naked and poor.

How long, O Lord, how long before we learn that we are not created for this misery and that it is we, ourselves, who forge our chains and deny our birthright?

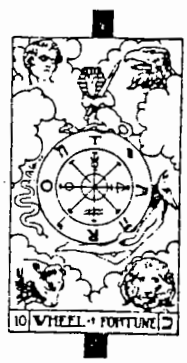


KEY 7

Thou art the ruler of my house,
O lovely spirit of the fount of life,
Springing eternal, crystal clear
and free,
Scattering thy glory through the
shimmering air,
On those who have the ears to hear,
the eyes to see.

KEY 10

The power that cometh forth
Returneth not again
Until it hath encompassed all the
earth.
And so in us, within our little world,
Within ourselves, that world which
is our own,
The power that enters, cometh not
again
Unless it hath encompassed all that
world.



KEY 12



Let me swing clear in Thee,
O loveliest of all loves,
Let me be free in Thee
Though living on this earth.
Let me suspended be
With no support but thee,
Thus life will cradle me
And bear me up to Thee,
Down to Thee and in to Thee,
Till I know naught but Thee
Now and in eternity.

Received in meditation by Constance Jonniaux, Companion Builder.

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MY MYSTICAL UNIVERSE

(Part V - Free Will)

By Ann Davies, Prolocutor General



Shortly before my eleventh birthday, I moved from New York City to Cleveland, Ohio. Instead of a city apartment with its outdoor fire-escapes and crowded conditions, I now had my own room in a large home, surrounded by lawns and growing things.



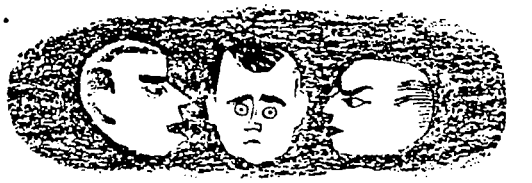
I loved roaming through the streets, in order to familiarize myself with the sights and sounds of this new environment. On a late summer afternoon, therefore, I started off with the intention of taking one of my walks. When I glanced up at a clock after having reached the corner of a main boulevard, I noticed that within approximately ten minutes my father and uncle would be due to drive down this same street at 5:30, which was the time they usually came home from the business they operated as partners.

I stood on the corner wondering which way I should go. If I turned left, I could walk as long as I wished, return back home and find my father and uncle about ready to sit down to dinner with the rest of the family. If I turned right, I would be able to intercept them, flag them down, be driven home in the car with them, and we would all arrive together. I became lost in thought, standing there, trying to decide in which direction I should turn. It occurred to me that if I flagged down my father and he stopped for me, it would completely change the pattern which would have occurred, except for my interfering with it; for, if my father stopped for me, the conversation would change, and mental-emotional attitudes, such as the thoughts of my uncle and father, as well as mine, would be altered. We would reach home at a different time than if I, for example, had turned left instead of right. Upon arriving home my stepmother would have dinner in preparation at a different point than it would have been otherwise. There would be a changed greeting from her to us, as well as from us to her. Conversation would therefore be different ... the eating time ... the entire evening following it, as well as the mental-emotional attitudes upon retiring, and also the time for retiring.









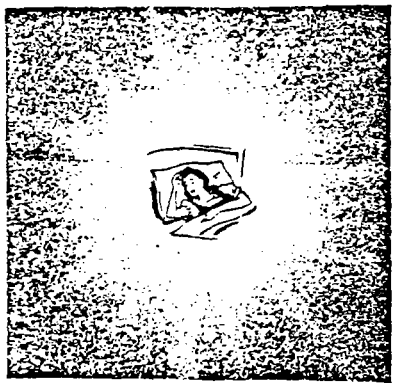
My father and uncle would, therefore, awake at a different period, with different thoughts, and on their way to their business there would be many different cars, different traffic conditions and the innumerable different effects on the customers who would come to to the business . . . my mind started to expand. (Continued on next page)

MY MYSTICAL UNIVERSE (Cont.)



This influence on innumerable people would change some point of their patterns, and they, in turn, would be influencing a change in the patterns of all the other individuals in their own particular environment. I felt overwhelmed at the idea that a child could have the power to change the patterns, and therefore the lives, of these numberless human beings. I asked myself, "Could one little girl really have that much power, just by deciding whether she should turn right or left in taking a walk?" This possibility seemed so momentous to me that I turned neither right nor left, but instead returned home.

I went up to my room and got into bed as I continued my attempts at analysing the modifications which would occur, or could occur, if it were true that the slightest whim regarding the walk of one little girl could so startlingly affect these patterns. I kept expanding my mind outward, trying to think of the waves and waves of influence that one slight alteration could make on the history of numberless people. Suddenly a confusion swept in upon me. I found that I had reached the limit of my ability to objectively analyse the possibilities and potentials of this idea, but still I continued to push with my consciousness in an agony of desire to understand what seemed to me the most momentous question that had ever arisen in my mind... Did I have free will?



Then, in the midst of the confusion, I saw a steady glow, like a Light within my own being. The Light swept the confusions from my consciousness, leaving me with the absolute conviction that it was not possible for one little girl, by following a whim as to whether she should turn right or left, to so completely affect and alter the patterns and experiences of others. I knew, without any question, that there was something completely wrong with the concept of Free Will. I knew in that strange split second of perception, that everything I had ever been or done, that everything everyone else has been or done, was an unalterable pattern that involved the growth process of each individual. I knew also that I could not remotely comprehend the pattern with my mind, and that I would have to wait until I was grown up before I could fully understand this mystical awareness.



I never lost the perception that I had at that time. Just as I knew that a baby has to go through certain unalterable experiences from birth to adulthood in order to grow up, such as falling while learning to walk; using baby talk while learning how to speak; making mistakes while learning how to read; being sloppy while learning to eat. So, everyone had a growth pattern. It was part of an inviolate individuality.

I lived through many sorrows and tragedies as the years followed; yes, and many betrayals. But I was never able to condemn the "unfinished works of God", realizing that everyone had to be and do that which was necessary for the particular stage of unfoldment that the individual was in at the time involved. Occasionally when some near and dear one complains about something I either did or failed to do, I will say, with a chuckle: "Forgive me, my darling, but please don't blame me! Blame my youth, and comfort yourself that if there is one thing of which we can be sure, it is that eventually I will outgrow my immaturity!"

"I can of mine own self do nothing: . . . because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." John 5:30 ∞

WHO NEEDS **CHAMPAGNE ?**

Ann Davies Unique Spiritual Powers Astound New Zealand



"I saw water effervesce after Dr. Ann Davies blessed it . . ." So began a news item in the Auckland New Zealand Sunday News by reporter Mollie Elliot. "Dr. Ann Davies," continued the reporter, "is one of those rare beings who has unusually highly developed extrasensory perception. We've all got this to some degree, you know, the ability to pick up hunches, to react to other's vibrations, the immediate distrust or liking on first meeting, the sensing of a room's atmosphere . . .

"Although I go along a certain extent with most beliefs, my Kiwi (British - New Zealand) caution puts a brake on me, but I saw water effervesce after Dr. Davies blessed it. Just ordinary old tap water from the Waitakeres (river) that came out flat and clear, but as Dr. Davies' energy entered it, bubbles collected on the inside of the glass. It looked like flat soda water."

During Ann Davies' stay in New Zealand, she was the guest of Alastair O. Wallace, who heads the New Zealand branch of B.O.T.A. Fascinated by the bubble phenomena, Alastair Wallace proceeded to hide glasses of water in different parts of the house in order to check on just how far the influence extended. He discovered that various amounts of bubbles would collect in the glasses in proportion to the distance these glasses were placed from Ann Davies' aura. At least 150 members and friends of B.O.T.A. witnessed the phenomena at different times.

When asked to what she attributes this unique phenomenon, Ann Davies answered, "I attribute it to Divine Love. Both Alastair Wallace and I have spent a lifetime in the Mystery School disciplines and training of our Tradition. Each grade of Initiation has included tests and trials. We have had to demonstrate the Reality of Higher Plane Attainments before the more powerful esoteric truths could be safely placed in our hands, in order to safeguard the welfare of others. The ability to project and awaken various degrees of Cosmic Love and Illumination in others is far more significant to me than the occasional phenomenon of water charged with the overflow of spiritual vitality."

Public lectures and private class series in New Zealand, jointly delivered by Ann Davies and Alastair Wallace were so enthusiastically received that it eventuated in greatly increased membership for B.O.T.A. Reports from our New Zealand headquarters state that at least 50% of the audiences experienced Cosmic Illuminations and Spiritual Awakenings.



MORE CHAMPAGNE !

EPILOGUE: Ann Ryan, who is our Los Angeles Temple hostess and who donates a portion of her time as a member of the B.O.T.A. Consulting Staff, is, by her own admission, very cautious in accepting unusual phenomena. (Cont. on next page)

CHAMPAGNE (Cont.)

Her educational background makes her caution understandable. She possesses a B.A. degree in Psychology from U.C.L.A. and a Masters degree in Social Work from U.S.C., having specialized in Psychiatry. She combines modern scientific training with a highly developed occult perception. We thought our readers would be interested in the report she sent to us concerning the bubbles:

"On Thursday, Oct. 1, 1964, Rev. Ann Davies made her first public appearance following her return from New Zealand. As a part of her welcome home gathering in the Temple, Rev. Davies gave us a brief talk about her trip. As she was describing a phenomenon of bubbles appearing in her glass of water which she kept by her bedside in New Zealand, she laid herself open to quite a bit of affectionate ribbing from the audience. In fact, at one point, it was suggested that we nickname her "Bubbles". This name was finally ruled out, as Rev. Harriet Case recalled that that name belonged to the trained whale at Marineland in Redondo Beach, California. Almost with tongue in cheek, I said I hoped I would some day be able to experience the phenomenon she had described. Little did I realize how soon this was to happen!

"Knowing that Rev. Davies had to eat, like all embodied spirits, I had included an invitation to dinner with our first business consultation re B.O.T.A. affairs. After finishing dinner that night in my patio, we moved the scene of our visit to the living room. Rev. Davies asked if she might have a glass of water. She was sitting on the couch, and I placed the glass of water on the table beside her. She took two or three sips from the glass and replaced it on the table. After about 30 minutes of conversation, Rev. Davies called my attention to the bubbles that were forming in the glass. DOUBTING THOMAS that I am, I remarked that I was almost certain that bubbles appeared in any glass of water which had been left standing awhile. However, as time passed the number of bubbles greatly increased. It was getting unusual enough now so that even though I still had reservations, I had to admit it <u>was</u> interesting.

"After Rev. Davies left, just in case the water was charged with spiritual essence, I drank the glass of water, and as I refilled the glass I thought, "Now we will see!".

"When I arose the next morning I was really astounded! When I looked at the glass of water I noticed something very odd. The side furthest from the couch on which Rev. Davies had been sitting was <u>clear of bubbles</u>. The side nearest the couch was <u>covered with bubbles!</u> The demarcation was so pronounced it was as though someone had drawn a line down either side of the glass. Talk about being in the Tower when the Lightning strikes!!! Even this Doubting Thomas had to accept the evidence that <u>bubbles forming at random could not have done this</u>. I had been given the evidence of the validity of this unusual phenomenon.

— Ann Ryan"

GREETINGS FROM AFAR

The Rev. Alastair O. Wallace, who is Executive Director of the New Zealand branch of B.O.T.A., wishes to send love and blessings on behalf of our New Zealand members to all our Fratres and Sorores wherever they may be. (Ed. note - We love you too, New Zealand members.)

THE VISION DRUGS

By Felix J. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor



MUSHROOMS

Newcomers to the field of psychology, and possibly also to parapsychology, are the Vision Drugs . . . hallucinogenic drugs as they are technically known. LSD is the best known in our culture, but many others exist, including the sacred mushrooms of the ancient Aztecs.

History tells us that herbal hallucinogenic drugs have been used from Siberia to the tip of South America, and points sideways and between, in the religious ceremonies of many ancient, and even modern, peoples. These drugs brought, and still bring, strange visions. Some claim to have exalted experiences beyond description, but others report nightmarish horrors. James Terrill, Ph.D., claims that if the subject does not fight the effects of the drug, it usually is not frightening; otherwise it is.

If we define hallucination, as many psychologists and psychiatrists do, as a perception or an awareness peculiar to the individual and not to others, then the term and its derivatives applied to these drugs is correct. But from the SPR angle, its use is unfortunate because its dictionary definition and familiar connotations makes hallucination practically synonymous with illusion, delusion, non-reality and the like. Psychic research people know that all manner of individual awarenesses, such as telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition and the PSI faculties in general, which nearly always are individualistic, often turn out later to be true perceptions of realities which can be, and often are, later perceived and verified by others . . . realities which ultimately become substantiated facts. Thus to label the PSI faculties and all the visions produced by these drugs as hallucinations is still another evidence of the bias towards materialism of many of our scientists and medical people.

In a short article such as this, adequate coverage of this subject is quite impossible. Therapeutic use of these drugs is still highly controversial and unconfirmed. Many metaphysicians, religious leaders and others condemn the use of these drugs, as do quite a few professional therapists. Until lately, hypnosis has also fallen under these bans because in both cases, a certain invasion of the individual's consciousness seems to occur. Thus both sides of the controversy must be explored, however briefly.

Many instances have been noted which smack strongly of an escape from reality, as in the use of alcohol, although many therapists consider them physiologically non-addictive. For instance, two Harvard instructors were dropped from the faculty for the excessive use of LSD, and particularly because they introduced its use to many of the students. No responsible person endorses "binge parties" whether alcohol, drugs, or other agencies are used. However I, along with other thinking and discriminating metaphysicians, feel that we must have the ability to be objective. Thus we must also consider the very grave dangers of psychological addiction, even though no physiological dependency has shown itself at this writing.

On the other hand, there are many therapists and metaphysicians who claim a bright side connected with the use of the drugs, particularly LSD. A Canadian research group reports that 70% of confirmed alcoholics treated with LSD "kicked" the habit. It will be interesting to know what the follow up research uncovers. Various other advocates of LSD say: "Beneficial results of LSD include the abrogation of significant (traumatic) early life experiences with the accompanying release of pent-up emotions and increased psychological understanding . . . (continued on next page)

having understanding and abilities far greater than he previously imagined . . . mystic or oceanic experiences so profound as to remove neurotic symptoms . . . the individual's convictions that he is, in essence, an imperishable self rather than a destructible ego brings about the most profound reorientation at the deeper levels of the personality . . . incapacitating feelings of inadequacy and guilt, re-examined in the light of this new self-discovery, seem inappropriate and are relinquished."

The psychologists and psychiatrists who give us the above glowing reports need to examine both sides of the picture more carefully. Information received by our own Ann Davies indicates that a certain percentage of LSD subjects have developed irreparable psychosis, while another percentage, though having experienced some benefits, have found everyday life a meaningless shadow world as compared to the ecstasies they had known under the vision drugs.

Much more study by competent professionals of the effects of these drugs is needed and doubtless will be forthcoming. However, despite the indubitable fact that some people experience a temporarily enlarged field of consciousness under the influence of some anesthetics, and particularly the hallucinogenic drugs, and despite the fact that such experiences sometimes bring unforgettably constructive influences into their lives, nevertheless the Masters and Adepts insist that liberation must be earned in study, meditation and transmutation. Does anybody really think that the evolutionary necessities can be avoided through the shortcuts of a needle or pill? □

WE CAN easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light. —Plato

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

+++ On January 14, 1965, Dr. Ann Davies will begin an intriguing new lecture series entitled "THE QABALISTIC SECRETS OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE - The Mystery of Gender Revealed".

This class series will encompass the secret teachings of the Mystery Schools regarding polarity on all planes. Among other phases of the subject, she will discuss the problems that exist between the sexes which inhibit mutual understanding and happiness, as well as giving a complete explanation of the Kundalini Power and its proper use as against its abuse by misinformed aspirants.

It is of immense importance for occult aspirants to have the proper attitude toward Male-Female polarity. Dr. Ann Davies, who understands this need so well, will teach the class members how to overcome mis-education and the conditionings of the lower astral mass mind consciousness which have been such a detriment to our evolutionary growth. Classes are held each Thursday night at 8:00 at the B.O.T.A. Temple and will be repeated, via tape, each Monday afternoon at 1:30.

+++ Sunday services are conducted each Sunday at 11:00 A.M. by Dr. Ann Davies. Those who have been attending regularly have commented on the heightened spiritual perceptions and healing help they have gained through participation in the Invocation of the Divine Names and Qabalistic Chant, which are a permanent part of the service.

+++ Los Angeles Pronaos No. One meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 8:00 P.M. at the B.O.T.A. Temple, 5105 No. Figueroa, Los Angeles 42. Any B.O.T.A. member in good standing may attend as a guest by presenting his membership card.



WE GET LETTERS .....

Dear Fellow Builders:

I am so thankful for the realization that the lessons are not just cut and dried instruction which depend on material things and experiences for their effectiveness. My search is continually for the spiritual and mystical lessons of which they are constructed. Much of what I have learned is now blossoming into glorious experience and material beauty. Abraham was one of the first to experience the goodness of the Universe and how joyfully he must have offered his tithe in order to share with others.

The inspiration came to me to remodel my living room. My wife and I are delighted with the result. It cost me very little, but the change it made in our enjoyment of the house cannot be measured. This is Tarot at work. We have one experience after another in saving money as the result of faithful tithing, but someday I expect to see the glories of what the tithe has accomplished in the advancement of the Truth.

Enclosed find a check of $67.00 which is my dues and tithe for this month. My tithe is an eternal entity of love and spiritual blessing which I am experiencing and desiring to share with others. The reflection of the good it does will bless me beyond measure and is no doubt the reason for my material successes. But without the material blessing, I am paid a thousandfold for the spiritual benefit my wife and I receive from it.

Homer Whitling, Florida

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Dear Fellow Builders:

I find the ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES even more interesting and helpful than before. Readers owe you contributors and staff members much more than could ever be paid in cash. But, alas, too many read and say, "Wonderful and inspiring ideas", but fail to put any of the wonder and inspiration into practice . . . maybe tomorrow, but today they're too busy with other things. Your Letters and Answers pages should be a double inspiration.

W. B., San Francisco

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Dear Fellow Builders:

Will you please use enclosed check for your prison work and for ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES subscriptions for the following list . . . . . I thought this issue an extraordinarily fine one (Oct.-Dec.), especially for young people.

D. D., A.B., Littlerock, Cal.

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Dearest Fellow Builders:

The beautifully prepared lessons are also accompanied with such fraternal love. This is a great factor in making it a great pleasure to press on with the Work. Companionship on the Way is so important, and the very liberal interest which has been accorded us gives rise to a deep and sincere thankfulness to you all. The former feeling of intense loneliness has disappeared and has been replaced with invisible but functional bonds of companionship. With heartfelt love,

W. C., J. C., New Zealand

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WE GET LETTERS (Cont.)

Dear Fellow Builders:

You don't know how much it means to be receiving lessons again. The New Course is so filled with inspiration and instruction that I feel a different person after studying them . . .

I was getting into a terrible rut - mentally, physically and certainly spiritually. Problems and pain seemed to overwhelm me. Not any longer! I'm again beginning to view them as stepping stones, rather than stumbling blocks.

I could go on and on. Practically every paragraph is an inspiration. Thank you all again for our wonderful lessons.

M. M., Seattle

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Advice from the late Thomas B. Watson, Sr. of IBM: "There is no limit to the good a man can do if he doesn't care who gets the credit."

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Thank You

We wish to express our love and thanks to Fellow Builders Dale Vaniman and Ann Ryan, who are responsible for an improved recording and sound system in our Temple, which was installed as a surprise for Ann Davies on her return home from her long lecture tour of New Zealand, and to thank the many kind friends who donated so generously to help defray the expenses.

Another heartfelt thanks to Fellow Builder Del Owen for his wonderful service in painting and repairing the Pastorate House on the hill.

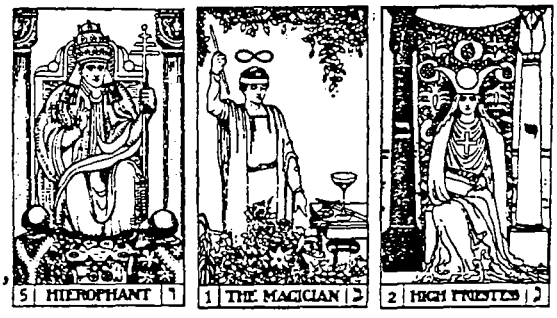
We send still another thank you across the ocean to Fellow Builder David MacDonald of New Zealand, who is an internationally famous dress designer. He expressed his love and service to B.O.T.A. by utilizing his artistic genius in designing and personally creating a beautiful new Robe and Cape for Ann Davies to wear for Sunday services. They are exquisite beyond description and add much to the inspirational quality of our services.

Another artistic genius is Ethel Hankey, who was responsible for painting the Tarot Keys in fluorescent paints that so enhance the front wall of our Temple. She is now painting color cards and a Tree of Life for our Temple, using the same method. She is an artist of great talent, and we thank her most profoundly for creating so much beauty and inspiration for us all.



HYPNOSIS — THE BY-PASSING OF THE CONSCIOUS MIND

By Catherine E. Morton, Research Editor



Qabalism has long recognized and taught that human consciousness functions on more than one level. Although the orthodox religion of the West has tended to distinguish the immortal soul or spirit (represented in Tarot by Key #5, The Hierophant) from the purely intellectual apparatus (represented in Tarot by Key #1, The Magician), it is within living memory that the orthodox science of the West has established to its satisfaction, and to some extent defined, the subconsciousness or instinctual mind, symbolized in Tarot by Key #2, the High Priestess.

The level of mind called the subconscious can be reached and communicated with directly, only when the shifting kaleidoscope of sensory imagery that makes up the conscious mind is fixed. It is for this reason that the Yetziratic title of Key #1, representing the conscious mind, is the Intelligence of Transparency. Just as the bottom of the sea can be seen better through a glass-floored boat than by looking down on the surface, eddied and turmoiled by winds, so the instinctual mistress of the "automatic" systems of the body can be reached best when the conscious mind has been "depressed" or stilled, either by concentrated meditation upon a fixed symbol or by such external mechanisms as oscillating movement of flashing light.

Meditation is the method used by the Qabalistic schools of the West, at least for solitary work. Some external influences are brought to bear on the group consciousness in ritual work. Much the same is true of those exoteric churches that practice meditation at all. The use of external mechanisms to depress the conscious mind and lay the subconscious bare to another has been warned against by the Western Mystery Tradition, anathematized by exoteric religion, and laughed to scorn by orthodox science. Hypnotism was either black magic or charlatanism.



Hypnotism - a manner of instructing the subconscious directly, can, like everything under the sun - and beyond - be used or abused. In addition, like all attempts to enter deliberately a plane of consciousness apart from the physical, it is fraught with danger for the amateur and the lone wolf. It is, however, neither evil nor impractical, in itself.



Most of my readers are acquainted with the tremendous power over his automatic reflexes (heartbeat, respiration, temperature, etc.) that the late Swami Vivekenanda demonstrated. His capacity for such control was the result of long years of intense meditative work, and in him, such self-hypnosis was productive only of good. Most of my readers have probably a passing knowledge of the abilities of Rasputin. His ability to hypnotize the Czarevitch and cause his hemophiliac hemorrhaging to stop was the result of considerable experience with the shamans of the steppes, and was used purely to achieve power for himself.

In expert and ethical hands, hypnotism is a technique more and more widely used, and invaluable in some cases. Although we hear of it most in connection with psychiatry, its use appears to me to be more to the point, (continued on next page)

and far safer, in physical medicine. I say "safer" because, while one may persuade a man not to drink, to shun liquor, under hypnosis, most alcoholics drink because alcohol is to them a crutch. To remove a crutch from a lame man, without curing the lameness, is both unkind and most unwise. His next crutch may be worse.

Hypnosis is gaining increasing application today as a form of anesthesia, in cases in which local or general anesthetics are impracticable or impossible, and to prevent bleeding during minor operations or dental work on patients who are hemophiliac or bleed excessively for other reasons. It is often used during childbirth to depress pain.

While hypnosis is a tool not to be used carelessly, the same might be said of the surgeon's lancet or the radiologist's X-ray machine. Its recent rise to respectability indicates a recognition by science of the powers of subconsciousness over the physical body. Full control of these subconscious powers are said to develop in those who persevere in the meditative techniques of Tarot and Qabalah.



THE BENEFITS OF PRONAOS



The many benefits derived from participation in B.O.T.A. Pronaos can be attributed to the increased spiritual power that group work always invokes, and to the impressionability of subconsciousness to ritualistic dramatization of esoteric principles. The opportunity to share ideas and studies with others of like interest is another important benefit.

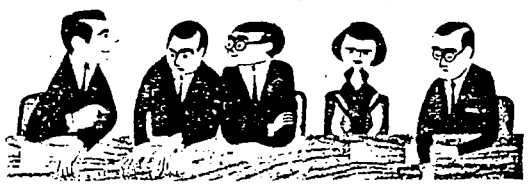
We invite all B.O.T.A. members in good standing to avail themselves of this opportunity if there is a Pronaos established in their vicinity. Members may come as guests by presenting their B.O.T.A. membership cards before deciding to become initiated into the group. For further information about Pronaos, contact the Artisan in your area:

A CASE HISTORY FROM OUR FILES

Aug. 8, 1964

Dear B.O.T.A.

As one of your more advanced students, I have nothing but praise for the B.O.T.A. curriculum. However, despite the deep spiritual insights I have received through these studies, my mundane existence is rather far from ideal. I lost my small business several months ago. The cause is a long, sad story which I will mercifully spare you. In a nutshell, the situation was that larger concerns were able to render my business obsolete. As yet, the necessary next step of finding a new market for my unique talents has not been accomplished.



Finding oneself obsolete is, admittedly, a bit rough on the ego; but I have not, up to this writing, resorted to bitterness nor despair. Extra rocks on this rugged road have been liberally supplied by my family (wife and relatives, no children). They are having a heyday. "I thought metaphysics was supposed to improve your life?"... "What do you get out of all that studying?"... "I think, sir, you have lost sight of reality." ... And so on and on.

What I want to know is, can all this 'bitter Karma' be a test of my sincerity and spiritual strength? The bills are piling high. The collection agencies are giving chase. My wife is frantic. My relatives look at me pityingly as the family failure. But am I complaining? Not at all. I just want you to assure me that I am not starving for nothing. Do I get pie in the sky?



Seriously, dear Soror, what I really want is your learned comment, or confirmation of my thoughts, on the predicament. Of course, we are in no danger of starving or going naked in the streets, but the pressures and accumulating debts have reached a point where I can no longer say, "All is well".

T.B.S.

Aug. 18, 1964

Dear T.B.S.

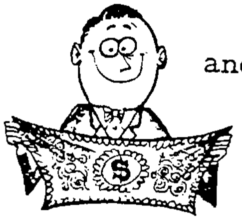
If this period of financial stress is for the testing of your spiritual strength, as you have suggested, I can assure you that you are not failing. Wit and humor are two of the best weapons against adversity, and you are obviously very skilled in their use.

Your ideas are basically sound. You are neither accepting this situation as wholly necessary, nor dismissing the possibility that it could be a testing period. Serious Aspirants, such as I know you to be, often find themselves faced with periods of lack. Personal wrestling with poverty can develop a deeper understanding and compassion for this very real and major problem facing the world today. Remember, on the occult path we are helping to lift the sorrow of the world. We are part of a "hothouse", or forcing process, passing through many tests so we can develop more rapidly. This does not mean, however, that we should invite adverse Karma in the form of poverty and problems in order to feel spiritual or to "get it over with". The symbolism of Tarot Key 11 depicts the real meaning of what is often called Karma. We should no more invite problems and poverty than we should consider ourselves failures if we fail to demonstrate prosperity at all periods in our lives. This type of invitation gives subconsciousness the idea that misery is what we want and it can really come pouring down on us.

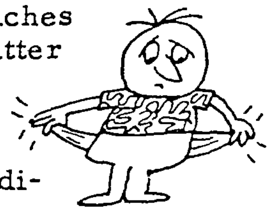


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CASE HISTORY (continued)



Tarot Key 10 symbolizes the pair of opposites, riches and poverty. In order to develop true perception of our utter dependence on the One Life, the Cosmic Order, we must swing from one pole to the other until we truly know that our material circumstances are dependent on no physical thing or person. Use this Key for meditation. Meditate also on the fourth statement in the Pattern on the Trestleboard: "From the exhaustless riches of its Limitless Substance, I draw all things needful, both spiritual and material." In this statement is the realization that a period of seeming lack can be just as necessary, just as full of riches, as a period of perfect material demonstration. It is always our attitude toward a situation that makes it a success, or a test that we have not passed and will have to experience again. Know that there is exhaustless supply and you will soon find yourself out of this trying period.

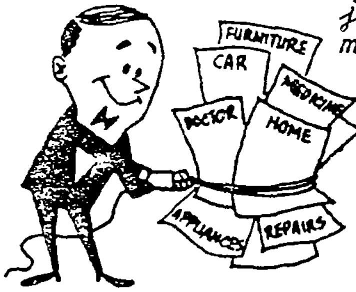


Soror A

Nov. 15, 1964

Dear Soror A:

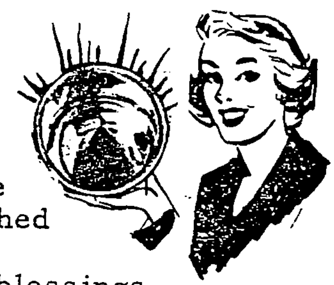
Score another hit for Soror A! Several months ago you graciously let me cry on your shoulder. Your words of wisdom and your understanding heart soothed more than just my deflated ego. The problem did continue for a couple of months, going from the proverbial bad to worse. But, during that period I experienced a deep, crystal-clear insight into the real meaning of wealth that I would not trade for any material possessions. Needless to tell you, I have now acquired a good position and will soon be able to repay the many debts I accumulated.



This knowing that whatever experience I have is right for me at that time can't be beat. You, Prophetess A, are a doll!!

T.B.S.

Nov. 22, 1964



Dear T.B.S.

I accept all your charming compliments with unabashed delight. But I secretly feel a little guilty about accepting the title of "Prophetress" in your case. It would be impossible for anyone with your sense of humor and optimistic nature to stay impoverished long! When you have the Keys, you unlock the doors.

Love and blessings,
Soror A

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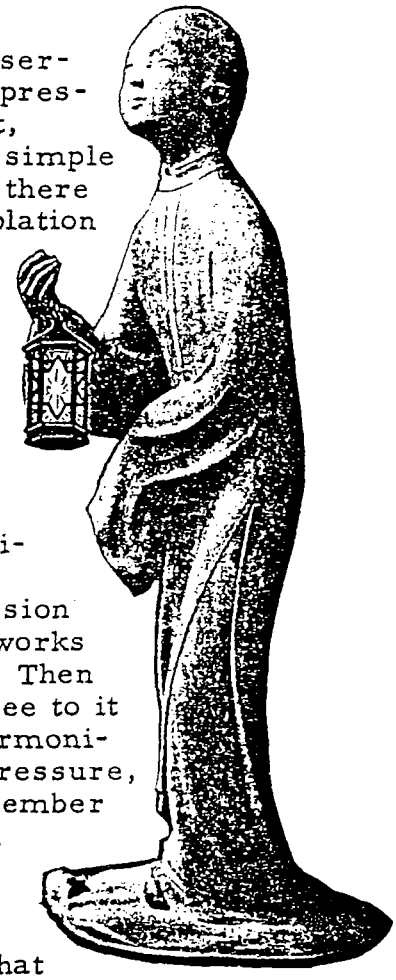
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SIMPLICITY

By Harriet B. Case, Grand Cancellaria



Truth is simple. Therefore let us seek simple ways of service, simple forms of speech. In this age of high tensions and pressures and the seemingly constant need for speed and excitement, many appear to have forgotten the joys of simple pleasures and simple living. We are inclined to let our lives get so complicated that there seems no time in which to have a few moments of quiet contemplation or relaxation. Yet just because of this stepped-up tempo of living, we need more than ever to provide time for these few moments of quiet.

There is a way by which we can achieve all the many things that have to be done during a busy day, and yet have a little time to ourselves towards the end of the day. It is this - and I have found that it works:

Each morning before you start the day's activities, particularly if it is to be a very busy day, recollect that you are an instrument for the ONE LIFE-POWER, truly a center of expression for the Primal Will to Good, the One Life, Mind and Love that works through you, that does the work and carries the responsibility. Then say: "I am the instrument for carrying out Your Will; please see to it that all that needs to be done this day will be done smoothly, harmoniously and perfectly, without the slightest tension or feeling of pressure, for Thou art all wise, all powerful, and, as I remember to remember throughout the day that Thou art the ever-present worker in and through me, the personality, all will be accomplished with plenty of time to spare." If you try holding these thoughts, this attitude in mind, I believe that it will work for you too. We are so inclined to forget and think that it is the little personal self that accomplishes everything! True, we have to be good tools or instruments for God to use, but let Him direct and do the work.

Simple goodness, expressed in all our activities and thoughts, sows seeds of love and brotherhood. We can serve humanity in no better way than this, to be an instrument for the forces of the Light; to surrender to God, to obey the Divine Will. There is no limit to the rays of light that can pour through each one of us and extend over the whole world. Aspire to be a "lantern" such as our beloved Hermit (Tarot Key No. 9) holds in his right hand. A "lantern" whose panels are of clear glass which let the pure rays of Divine Spirit shine forth unimpeded. Let us all try to be such lanterns, not the kind with metal sides having but a few small holes punched in the panels which only let a few little peep-holes of light come through.

Project love, simple kindliness and good will. Actually, you need only to feel love and good will in your heart, and it will radiate to all. It is as simple as that!

Nothing is more simple than greatness; indeed, to be simple is to be great.
EMERSON—*Literary Ethics*

Simplicity of character is the natural result of profound thought.
HAZLITT

THE PERSONAL TOUCH



From Your Supersensory Snooper



"WELCOME HOME AT LAST" was the keynote of our latest Temple party. The unchallenged center of all attention was our beloved Prolocutor General, Ann Davies, who had just returned from an extra long six months in New Zealand.

She was certainly a sight for longing eyes as she appeared, beautifully gowned, for the informal get-together with her Los Angeles loved ones. She gave a brief run-down on events and developments in New Zealand, which all were eager to hear.

The 'welcome home' continued in the usual Temple style. Singing, dancing, hugs, kisses, refreshments and love blossomed anew under the returned glow and warmth of our Spiritual Director.

✶ THERE ARE two ways of spreading light: to be the candle, or the mirror that reflects it. —Edith Wharton, quoted in *Robins Reader* ✶

KEY 18 QOPH

The Corporeal Intelligence

The Evolutionary Path

Beauty will come and go,
Harmony will pass through,
leaving the quivering
air alive with ecstasy,
And through them all the
path leads on.

The pilgrim on the path
looks with love at beauty,
Hears with rapture the
vibrating harmonies,
Feels with joy the loveliness
of nature,
But passes on and forever
on, towards the distant
heights

Where the unattainable waits,
Where the unknowable is
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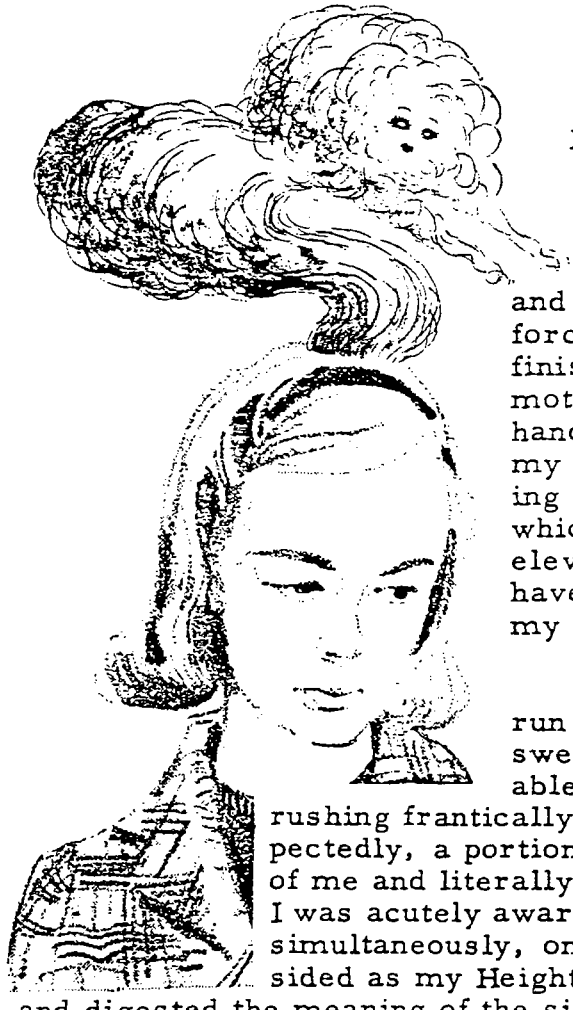
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MY MYSTICAL UNIVERSE

(Part VI)

By The Rev. Ann Davies, Prolocutor General

I stood in frozen terror before my father and stepmother, unaware of the painful bruises and scratches I had received in a struggle over the forcibly intercepted letter I had just finished writing, and which my stepmother now held victoriously in her hand. The letter had been meant for my sister in New York City, recounting the injustices and rejections to which I was being subjected. At age eleven and a half, I certainly didn't have the strength to protect my private property when my stepmother's sudden attack was launched upon me.



My heart racing and pounding, urging me to run . . . run for my life . . . dizziness and nausea sweeping in and out . . . immobolized with unspeakable, absolute fear . . . I found my consciousness rushing frantically for a way out. Quite suddenly then, and unexpectedly, a portion of my consciousness separated itself from inside of me and literally jumped to approximately a foot above my head. I was acutely aware of both aspects of my consciousness functioning simultaneously, one from within, the other from Above. Fear subsided as my Heightened Consciousness watched, listened, analyzed and digested the meaning of the situation taking place before me. My eyes swept back and forth between my father and stepmother, taking in every subtle detail of their changing expressions. My ears registered every nuance of their voices as verbal abuse took turns with self-pity, self-righteousness and self-justification. The letter confiscated from me had painted a picture of them as seen from the eyes of a child . . . and naturally they could not bear such stark reality.



"Your father promised me when I married him that I would never be saddled with the responsibility of any of his children from the first marriage!" my stepmother shouted with rage. "And what thanks do I get for letting you live in my house, you selfish, ungrateful wretch?"

Gratitude? I looked at her in startled wonderment! Grateful for the fact that she carefully kept my clothes separated from the rest of the family, making me wash and iron them myself, while the maid did the chore (continued on next page)

for the rest of the family? Grateful for having the food kept under lock and key to prevent me from having after-school snacks? Grateful for seeing to it that I was the most unkempt and ill-dressed child in school? Grateful for having my Christmas stocking filled with coal while her child (my half-sister) received a nickle and a toy in hers?

My Above Consciousness continued to feed perceptions to my Within Consciousness. I saw that my stepmother felt betrayed by my father. She was jealous and insecure. She was a good wife and mother . . . to her own. There was no room for love or acceptance in her heart beyond her own blood kith and kin. My father had broken his promise to her. I found myself feeling profound compassion for her. Why? Because my Above Consciousness was aware of her Within Consciousness, and I was participating with her in her own Within!



My attention swept back to my father. A poignant pain pierced my heart as I thought how desperately I had loved him and how yearningly I had wanted him to love me . . . how hard I had tried to win his love even though he kept pushing me away. "You are a stupid, selfish, ungrateful louse!" he spit out at me. "I'm sending you back to New York City as fast as I can arrange it. And I don't give a damn what happens to you. I've done my duty!"

I looked at him in sorrow and then started to participate in his Within. "Poor man," I thought, "all he wants is a peaceful home. His feelings of guilt forced him to try bringing me here. He wanted to love me . . . but didn't dare. He is too weak. So he has to join his wife in seeing me as unlovable to justify himself."

I went up to my room in a state of profound inner shock. I felt utterly lost. My world, unhappy as it was, had just been completely knocked out from under my feet. Even the last shred of hope I had been clinging to - that I might yet, somehow, manage to win my Dad's love - had to be forever relinquished. Forever? What, then, could I hope to hope for? New York! I had no one to want me in New York -- or anywhere else. Where would I go? Who would take me in? I tried to reach, with my Within Consciousness, into the future. Nothing. Empty, lonely, terrifying nothing. I could see and feel only uncertainty . . . insecurity . . . And now I had even lost my hope. My childish, unrealistic hope.

I collapsed onto the bed then, unable to control the violent trembling that was affecting me from head to toe. Where would I go? What would I do? Who could I turn to? No one. No one.



At this point my Above Consciousness softly and serenely settled itself back into my within. It was then that a pervading peace spread through me, as I found myself accepting my insecurity and aloneness. Soft tears washed my cheeks. How salty and warm they felt to my tongue! Warm? I became aware of a brilliant Light warming my heart.

"You have just passed the first of many tests you are destined to have," said a soundless Voice from within the Light in my heart. "The Spark you have just ignited will grow into a vast Flame, so that you may light the way for other yearning and weeping hearts one day. Peace! Peace!" (continued on next page)

MY MYSTICAL UNIVERSE (Cont.)



"I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES.... MY HELP COMETH FROM THE LORD"

Strangely then, though I couldn't fully comprehend the significance of this experience with my eleven and a half year old mind, I felt a point of indestructibility somewhere deep within me. The immediate future was dark and terrifying. But I accepted my insecurity with all the resentment and bitterness washed out of my soul. I was looking with tear-stained eyes towards a vague and distant tomorrow, beckoning and promising me peace. A peace that passeth all understanding.

Editor's note:-

Many years ago, our Grand Prolocutor, Felix J. Frazer, suddenly felt himself impelled to write something. Picking up a nearby pencil and scratch pad, he hastily and unthinkingly scribbled the prayer below. We reprint it here, by request, from an earlier ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES. He tells us that it is the only piece of writing ever coming from his hand which he has never been able to change or even edit. Thus he takes no credit for its authorship:



Oh Lord, hear my supplication!

Open my eyes to Truth, that out of Your all-comprehending mercy and understanding I may see Your world and my fellow men as You have made them . . . not as I wish them to be.

Unseal my ears to the eternal rhythm and cadence of Your universe, that I may hear Your voice and word in the causes of all things . . . not the empty echo of my own pronouncements.

Enlighten my understanding that I may know that behind all which is, You are . . . not the feeble reflection of my own personality.

Teach me to believe but one thing, Your reality and ever present nearness to me.

Instill within my heart and mind the consuming desire to know all else by my own work and effort, that I may at long last come to the perfect understanding and realization of Your mighty works, and so pass on from this temporal consciousness to whatever destiny Your unfailing wisdom may have ordained for me.



THE SYMBOLISM OF THE UNICORN

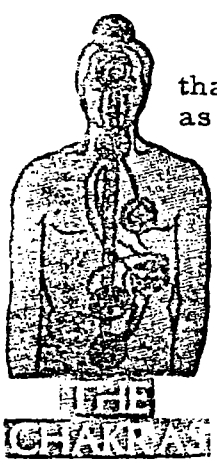
By Harriet B. Case, Grand Cancellaria

It is fairly well established that much of the ancient mythology of various peoples has been Adept-inspired for the purpose of preserving for the Race power-bestowing esoteric wisdom and knowledge. Yet by their symbolic and mythical form the true inner meaning of these glyphs and symbols would not be understood except by those "who had ears to hear" or "eyes to see" beneath the surface of their appearance.

One of the mythical creatures which appeared very often in allegories and art forms in ancient times, particularly in medieval Europe, was the horned horse, or Unicorn. In legend, some of the qualities it symbolized were: moral and spiritual leadership, indomitable courage, purity, virginity, selflessness, and compassion. Also amongst many of its possible meanings is that of being a symbol for the sublimated creative force in man. The horn emerging from its forehead indicates that the expression of the creative power and desire occurs through the will-inspired intellect and its cranial organ, which is the pituitary gland. The horn is occultly phallic, and the horse is an often used symbol for the lower quaternary.

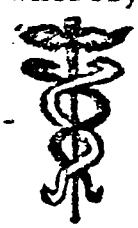


The Unicorn is a fabled animal (though he is mentioned in the Bible and is believed by some to have been the Auerochs, now extinct) whose spinal cord is presumed to extend beyond the medulla oblongata through the pituitary gland and out between the eyes, after which it becomes hardened into a horn.



Occultly interpreted, this refers less to the physical spinal cord than to the interior etheric canal which runs along its length and is known as the Sushumna. The equilibrated and polarized creative fire known as the Kundalini force flows along this canal from sacrum to brain.

On either side of it flow the positive current Pingala and the negative current Ida, interweaving the Sushumna as they flow. This whirling ascent and sublimation of the creative force takes place as a result of the continued use of certain Yoga and Tarot practices aided by valid Rites of Initiation. This knowledge has long been one of the closely guarded secrets of the Mysteries, and the techniques whereby it is aroused is kept secret from the world. This secrecy is designed to protect the profane and unready from the very real danger of the results of the premature awakening of this Kundalini force (or fire). Many symbols have been used to refer to this redeeming liberating power in man, the most common one being the two serpents entwined on a staff, such as the Caduceus of Hermes - or Mercury.



In the 39th chapter of Job, the Lord speaking to Job and testing him says: "Who has left the wild ass to be free and made him escape the yoke? For he has made the plain his house and the salt land his dwelling place. The tops of mountains are his pasture and he treads on every green thing. Will the Unicorn be willing to serve you or will he spend the night at your crib? Can you bind the yoke on the neck of the Unicorn? Or will he harrow in a rugged place? Will you have confidence in him because his strength is great? Do you trust him that he will winnow his threshing and gather your grain into the barn?"



The symbolic meaning in all this is that the Unicorn in Job must no longer be wild, even though its universal nature symbolized by (continued on next page)



wildness and freedom remains and is recognized. In the Book of Job, the change from the wild ass to the Unicorn is also significant, for the ass is a symbol of stubbornness, and in its wild state all its qualities are unharnessed. The authors of the Book of Job used the combined symbols of the wild ass and the Unicorn to indicate that Job has progressed through the wild, stubborn, uncontrolled and undirected sexual phase of human development and gone forward to the Unicorn or controlled and directed stage of growth. The candidate for Initiation must tame the hitherto wild ass, so that in the future as a docile quaternary it may bear the three-fold Ego onward to its goal.

It is interesting to note that a Unicorn may be found on the coats of arms of England and Scotland. There is a most beautiful series of colorful and exquisitely designed tapestries now in the Cloisters Museum (a branch of the Metropolitan Museum in New York City) wherein the central theme of a glorious design is the Unicorn.



THE PURPOSE OF PRONAOS



Much of our work on the Path of Return is aimed at extending intellectual awareness and understanding into an emotional awareness that can affect all levels of our being. Ceremonial magic has long been known in the mystery schools as a most dynamic means of invoking such responses.

Our ritualistic work in Pronaos utilizes this dramatic image-in-motion method to aid aspirants in creating symbology of the most effective type. We urge all B.O.T.A. members who live in areas where Pronaos groups have been established to participate in this important training.

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES



DADDY BRAY, Healing Kahuna Priest of Hawaii visits B.O.T.A. in L.A.

DR. ANN DAVIES, Prolocutor General and Supreme Chief of our Order.

+++ Members and friends of BUILDERS OF THE ADYTUM have often heard us refer to the Inner School. When we use the term "Inner School" we are particularly referring to the Divine Hierarchy composed of Masters of Wisdom and their disciples who have attained to various degrees of adeptship.

The Divine Will makes itself known in and through the Divine Hierarchy. The Masters of Wisdom have evolved to a state of consciousness where they can directly participate in the evolutionary plan and, indeed, are in charge of the evolution of humanity. The Masters of Wisdom work through the very few members of humanity whom they have accepted as their personal disciples after putting them through many incarnations of instruction, test and trial. These disciples serve in the lower echelons of the Divine Hierarchy and are almost always great spiritual teachers on the physical plane. Members of the Divine Hierarchy, when they meet, will usually recognize each other, for there is a subtle Divine emanation that looks out from the eyes of these adepts.

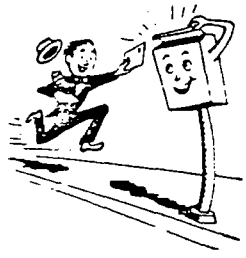
Such a recognition took place not very long ago when our own Rev. Ann Davies and Daddy Bray, a healing Kahuna of Hawaii, met and looked into each other's eyes. With humble gratitude we show you two great adepts acknowledging each other as brother and sister in our own Temple of Tarot and Holy Qabalah. Here is living proof that those who serve the Light are never in competition one with the other, but indeed love and help each other in every way they can.

Naturally everyone at our Temple responded with love to the spiritual emanations of this visitor from Hawaii as they did to the Rev. Alastair O. Wallace of New Zealand when he visited the Temple last year.

+++ Our current lecture series by Dr. Ann Davies, entitled "THE QABALISTIC SECRETS OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE - The Mystery of Gender Revealed", encompasses the secret teachings of the Mystery Schools regarding polarity on all planes. The problems that exist between the sexes which inhibit mutual understanding and happiness are discussed, as well as a complete explanation of the Kundalini Power and its proper use as against its abuse by misinformed aspirants. Classes are held Thursday nights at 8:00 at B.O.T.A Temple and repeated on tape Mondays at 1:30 P.M.

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WE GET LETTERS .....



Dear Editor:



I have read with interest the article by Catherine Morton on hypnotism (A.N.N. Jan.-Mar. 1965) and appreciate your note of caution in its use.

You mention the lack of wisdom in removing the alcohol from an alcoholic without eliminating the reason for the crutch. This makes good sense; but there are other and more effective ways of using hypnotism in psychiatry today. I recently read in a book an explanation of treatment by hypnosis which helps the patient face and understand his problem; then by further hypnosis break the bad behavior pattern and establish new constructs in their place. What I am trying to understand are the merits and wisdom of this method as against long and costly (and sometimes ineffective) psychoanalysis.



B.O.T.A. somewhere cautions against the use of hypnosis by aspiring occultists. Since hypnosis requires less than one-tenth the time that psychoanalysis requires, many more people can be set on the road to mental health, people who cannot afford the more costly psychoanalysis. Our times are certainly crying out for such a method. If you can see any glaring errors in my thinking, I would be most happy to hear your views.

S. F.

EDITOR'S REPLY: *Dear S.F. Hypnosis does have its use in medicine and research. Hypnotic anesthesia has been used successfully in many cases. However, though I have known many bona fide practitioners of hypnotic treatment and many subjects of this type of therapy, I have not as yet found anyone who has really been helped to the extent claimed by hypnotists.*

The idea that knowing the cause of one's problem helps to cure the problem is only half true. Knowing the causes of our problems may make us aware of them, but it does not necessarily stop us from responding in the same injurious way. Furthermore, what people decide is the cause of their troubles may not be the real cause.



The state of hypnosis, itself, is one of accentuated suggestibility in which one gives over his self-conscious controls to the hypno-therapist.

We always caution our students against this type of help, because it involves this giving up of one's self-conscious controls and often results in an extraordinary dependence on and response to the emotional and psychic states of the hypnotist. A hypnotic subject often develops an absolute compulsion to please his therapist.

In research, which is a valid and valuable use of hypnosis, it has been found that subjects seem to come up with all varieties of perceptions that are aimed at giving the hypnotist what he wants. Certain experiments have shown that if the hypno-therapist is sold on, say, the Freudian point of view, his subjects inevitably discover problems within themselves to verify this point of view. Apparently a subconscious rapport takes place between therapist and subject which gives the subject a compulsion to express the inner feelings of the therapist. This is why it has been found to be ineffective in psychanalysis.

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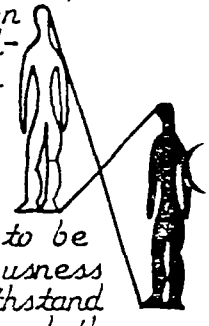
WE GET LETTERS ... (Cont.)



Whenever anyone thinks (and the thought may be erroneous) that he or she has seen the reason for some problem or other, there is almost always a temporary euphoria which makes them think they have been helped and sometimes even cured. But a later check invariably shows that it is similar to the state of the alcoholic when under the influence of liquor. Problems do not get solved just because the problem is known.

I would be most happy if there were shortcuts to cleansing subconsciousness, but I have examined many different methods and the people who have tried them, and they just don't work. Evolution is basically an expansion of consciousness. This can come about only through consciously applying previous disciplines. Strength of soul is gained through understanding the problems involved and applying this understanding in gradually forming new habit patterns. This process develops more and more stability of beingness that gives us the ability to withstand the thinking and feeling of others, as well as our own past patterns. We then apply this understanding to new perceptions and actions, thus transmuting our reactions gradually and gaining more and more control over them. This all can be done with our Higher Self guiding the way at all times.

Revere and value your consciousness. Other human beings can certainly help us be more willing to help ourselves, but true therapists who understand evolution in its Spiritual sense will only guide the patient or student into the willingness, ability and strength to face his own subconscious Pandora's Box in and through the conscious level of his own self-consciousness under the guidance and inspiration of superconsciousness. Individuality should be revered and nourished. A re-training process as such requires conscious application. The soul gains strength and integrity only through meeting and applying its perceptions, no matter how erroneous, on its own in order to be able to withstand the subconscious hypnotic impact of all the other consciousness on this earth on the subtle levels. True evolution is in being able to withstand the telepathic hypnotic suggestibility and influences of other individuals and the mass mind consciousness. We recommend that everyone make his own conscious mistakes. Don't take the mistakes of the hypnotist. He might be worse off than you are.



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—S. SELVARATNAM

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ECTOPLASM AND THE FAITH CURE

Part I

By Felix J. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor

In this article, and the one which follows in the next issue, I shall document and discuss ectoplasm and the faith cure and attempt a tie-in between these two seemingly separate phenomena. I shall begin with the faith cure by quoting from an article by me in a previous (1960) article published in the ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES:

> "Accepting the reality of the faith or miracle cure is a difficult item for the skeptical mind. Yet few phenomena in the psychic research field have been better attested and scientifically documented.
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> "I, too, was a skeptic once. With some thirty years of scientific psychic research behind me, I had never witnessed one. Yes, I had heard and read many reports of such cures from reliable sources. But intellectual acceptance is one thing, and personal eye-witness verification is quite another.
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> "In 1952, I was the house guest of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Foster Case and the Rev. Ann Davies. During one of our many discussions on metaphysics, I said that while I had seen just about every type and variety of psychic phenomena, I had never been privileged to eye-witness a genuine faith cure where the ailment was plainly visible at one moment and gone the next, or shortly thereafter. My experienced friends smiled and said little, but within a few days they rewarded me with an on-the-spot and personally observed faith cure of the little dog Tzaddi, which I promptly documented and wrote up for Fate Magazine. Most of you who have received our literature are familiar with the details of this case. (For those who have not, a request to our headquarters will bring a gratis copy of this documentation.) Later I went through the B.O.T.A. files and found them loaded with letters from aspirants who had experienced such cures through the intermediary of our Esoteric Working groups. Since then, similar letters have been reaching us in a steady stream."

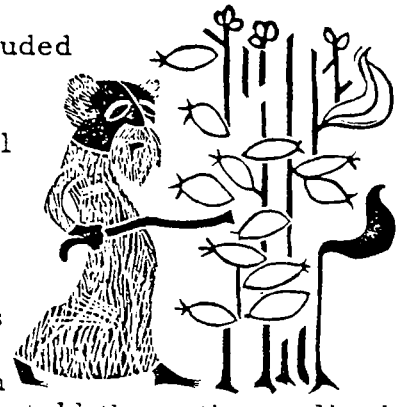


Now I shall briefly relate a few faith cure cases which in my opinion are very well attested by completely reliable witnesses. This I do, <u>not</u> as an attempt to convince the hardened skeptic, who because of his materialistic sophistication believes all so-called supernatural phenomena stem from superstition or actual fraud; but rather to convince, if I can, some few of that large group who, while admitting faith cures as fact, nevertheless believe that only psychosomatic, hysterical and other mentally caused ailments can be so cured . . . that traumatic ailments, such as wounds, broken bones, and the like, are not amenable to faith cures. In my opinion, the faith cure is as operative, <u>except for Karmic and certain other considerations</u>, in purely physical and bacterial cases as in any other type.

Consider the case related to me by my uncle, the late Charles Kellogg, well-known naturalist:

THE CASE OF THE BOW-LEGGED NATIVE

A native in a South Pacific island was suffering from a severe case of bow-legs, certainly not a mental disorder, and could hardly walk. The native doctor refused to take this case unless the native agreed to (continued on next page)

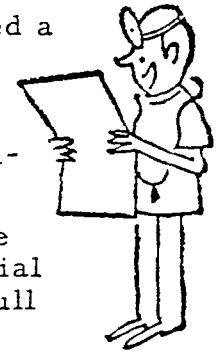




follow orders implicitly. These included paying all his debts, making friends with, or at least apologizing to, his enemies, and repenting his sins. All this the native did while hobbling around on his deformed legs.

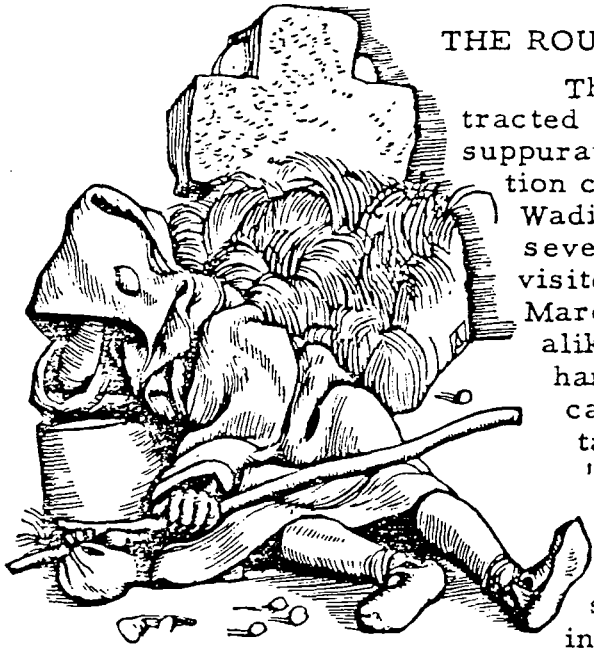
To my uncle's utter amazement, the doctor then proceeded to pull and straighten the deformed legs much as he might have done had they been made of boiled spaghetti. When he had adjusted them to his liking, he told the native to lie there and rest awhile. Shortly thereafter, the native got up and walked away amidst the hosannas of his fellow tribesmen . . . much to the prestige of the doctor and the befuddlement of my uncle.

THE JACK TRAYNOR CASE



In 1940, Dr. A. T. Macqueen and Rev. John C. Barry examined a Jack Traynor, who at the time was a very fit man despite the fact that he previously had been severely wounded at Gallipoli. These injuries were recognized by the British government, which, despite his later apparent complete cure at Lourdes, granted him a lifetime total disability pension. We read from the official medical report:

> "He was cured (at Lourdes) of traumatic epilepsi and all the paralytic sequelae of gunshot wounds, which severed one brachial plexus. His cure involved the closure of a large hole in the skull and, it seems, the complete disappearance of pieces of metal imbedded in his brain."



THE ROUHANA CASE

The next case concerns a Lebanese laborer who contracted "tuberculosis osteoarthritis of the instep with open suppuration on both sides, external and internal", a condition confirmed by X-ray and many medical examinations. Wading through many pages of medical reports covering several years, we learn that in desperation Rhouhana visited the grave of the saintly Charbel Makhlouf, a Maronite monk, revered by Christians and Moslems alike. Arising from his prayers at graveside, Rhouhana found that he could walk as well as ever. Discarding his crutches, he then walked home, a distance of over six miles. Dr. Farhat concludes, "this fact can only be explained by supernatural agency."

Space prevents my giving the names and standing of the many medical doctors concerned in these cases, nor the meticulous care with which the examinations before and after cures were conducted.

A review of the entire subject, covering some two years, reveals that peoples of all times, climes and faiths, and even animals, have (continued on next page)

benefitted from such cures. Indeed, I knew one lady well, and was at her bedside when she died. Years before she had been nearly totally deaf . . . that is until she attended a healing service by a Scotch preacher. She had gone to the meeting as a scoffer to watch the rolling-in-the-aisles antics which this congregation put on. She held no religious belief or faith whatever, yet the following day she called us up in chagrin and told us that she could hear almost perfectly.

Reports of such cases are virtually endless, and the objective and unprejudiced researcher becomes amazed at their variety and ubiquity, as well as impressed by the standing of the doctors and thoroughness of the reports. (I have much to say about such cases in my forthcoming book, PARALLEL PATHS TO THE UNSEEN WORLDS, which we will publish when funds become available.) If human testimony has any value anyplace, anywhere . . . and indeed where does such testimony not have value? . . . full credence must be given to the so-called faith cure, whether applied to traumatic, bacterial or psychosomatic disorders.

In the next issue, I shall attempt to tie the faith cure in with ectoplasmic phenomena.

FAITH is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe. —St. Augustine

No. 9

I am the oldest thing that ever lived. I am the youngest, most new -- the smallest child there is.

Both hoary age and vibrant youth are contained in me. I am growing older and older -- ever so ancient, and yet I am a child and will always be a child . . . eager, curious, innocent, vibrant, alive and reaching.

How wonderful to be both! My age brings me experience; the wisdom, knowledge, understanding and love of age -- all of this with which to enjoy my childhood.

— Jeanne Lowery, Fellow Builder



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Nourishing the body lavishly, as well as the spirit, at recent Temple festivities.



What do you suppose our Ann Davies is singing about? Could it be love? Naturally!!



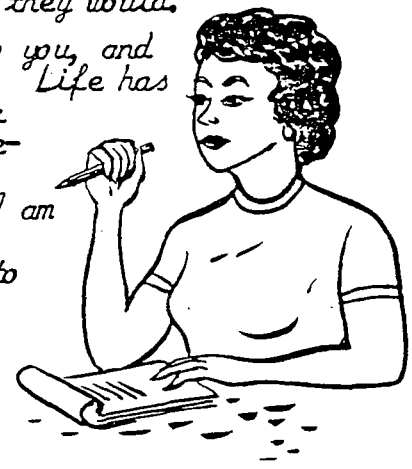
Combining digestion and song is hard work! Time out to rest.

A CASE HISTORY FROM OUR FILES

Feb. 5, 1965

Dear B.O.T.A.

I have been taking B.O.T.A. lessons now for over two years, and though they are a great comfort to me, they have not helped me as I had hoped they would.



I have read the problems of others who have written in to you, and though they may have troubles, nobody's can compare with mine. Life has been very cruel to me. I have been cursed with ill-health for many years. I have no one to support me, so I have to work despite my many ills. Not only do I have abdominal and stomach trouble, but I also have trouble with my feet and head. Yet I am forced to work in a factory on my feet all day. I am sorely underpaid and have to put up with co-workers who are a trial to me. They always have reasons why they cannot do this or that unpleasant job, so I am the one in my condition, who always does it. On top of all this, I am the sole support of an elderly, sick father who demands much attention. Of course I love him, but it is so difficult for me to care for him.



I have tried over and over again to make affirmations of better conditions for myself. I have pictured things of every description, all to no avail. I have quite resigned myself to live out this life in utter misery and emptiness as far as the material plane is concerned. I do pride myself on bearing up under all this as best I can. If this be my Karma, I can take it, but I will be so glad when the end is in sight. I can die with a clear conscience because I have borne more than my share of the woes of the world. Please pray for the health of my father. It is him I worry about. For me, there is nothing left to hope for.

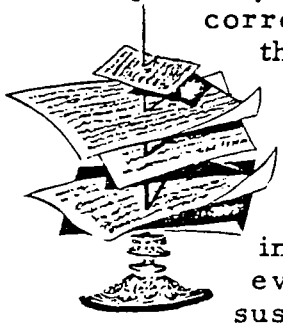
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Feb. 15, 1965

Dear J. J. R.



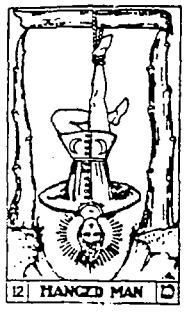
This, of course, is only the most recent in a long line of painfully similar letters from you. In previous correspondence we tried to point out to you that you must stop always expecting the worst. It is probably fruitless to tell you once again that all the affirmations and pictures in the world couldn't overpower your absolute determination to be miserable and poor. It has become quite evident that you are enjoying your misery far more than most people enjoy their good fortune. Indeed, in view of our thick correspondence file from you, it is possible that even good fortune would be viewed as ominous by you. You might suspect that it was only a device to get you off guard for a far greater misery than ever before.



With the will and power you have, you could demonstrate anything you REALLY wanted. I am truly in awe of your proficiency. Since sorrow and poverty make you feel so spiritual, you are absolutely amazing in the way you keep yourself in fresh miseries to feed upon. You haven't let in one little interfering ray of sunshine or one pesky little good fortune to mar your record. You (continued on next page)

A CASE HISTORY (Cont.)

feel you can certainly die knowing you have borne your share of the world's woes. You underestimate yourself. Beloved soul, I pray that you will one day realize that you haven't just borne them, you have created them!



If by any chance you have had enough, perhaps you might finally heed our very oft-repeated advice on the beginnings of a way out. One Key that may help you is Key No. 12, The Hanged Man, symbolizing Reversal. With your powers of creativity, if you could manage to reverse their focus, you might begin to find beauty and fulfillment despite present material woes. Circumstances are always secondary. First you must attune your consciousness to seeing more of the beauty surrounding you everywhere! You must develop a conscious capacity for beauty and happiness before you can experience it. In the final analysis, life follows the patterns of consciousness. We make our own Karma by our reactions to experience. You must BECOME love and beauty before love and beauty can seek you out for the Divine fulfillment.



Soror A



Feb. 28, 1965

Dear Soror A:

I was quite unhappy with your sharp letter to me. What you don't seem to realize is that I do try to picture the right circumstances, but they just don't seem to work out for me. What can you do when others are always against you? How can one be cheerful when the body is full of pain? I really expected more sympathy and understanding from you. But like everyone else—you just don't understand.

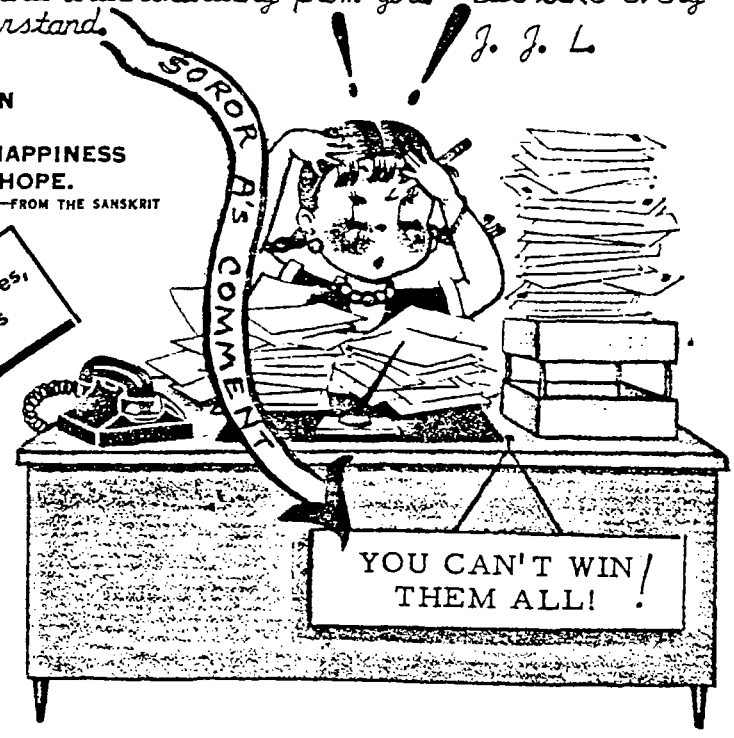
J. J. L.

YESTERDAY IS BUT A DREAM
AND TOMORROW IS ONLY A VISION
BUT TODAY WELL LIVED
MAKES EVERY YESTERDAY A DREAM OF HAPPINESS
AND EVERY TOMORROW A VISION OF HOPE.
—FROM THE SANSKRIT

When I hear somebody sigh that "Life is hard," I am always tempted to ask, "Compared to what?"
—SYDNEY HARRIS.

The right angle to approach a problem is the TRY angle

You may have troubles, but so do others



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Ulcers are what you get from mountain climbing over mole hills.

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It is always best not to tell people your troubles. Half of them are not interested, and the other half are glad you are getting what's coming to you.
AMA News

Man is not the creature of circumstances. Circumstances are creatures of men.—*Disraeli*

WHAT YOU ARE IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU.
WHAT YOU MAKE OF YOURSELF IS YOUR GIFT TO HIM.
—ANONYMOUS

HEAVEN BEGINS ON EARTH OR IT DOES NOT BEGIN AT ALL.
—FATHER M. RAYMOND

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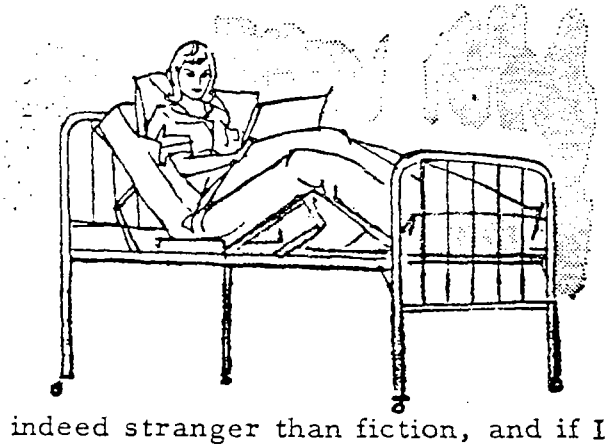
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[Editor's note:- Due to innumerable requests from our members and friends about the mystical experiences of our Prolocutor General, Ann Davies, she some time ago consented to share with you some of her fourth dimensional awarenesses (these having started in her early childhood). This series portrays many of her supersensory perceptions, in order to help illustrate the Reality which underlies physical manifestation.]

MY MYSTICAL UNIVERSE

(Part VII — Power in Reverse - The Will to Die)

By the Rev. Ann Davies, Prolocutor General

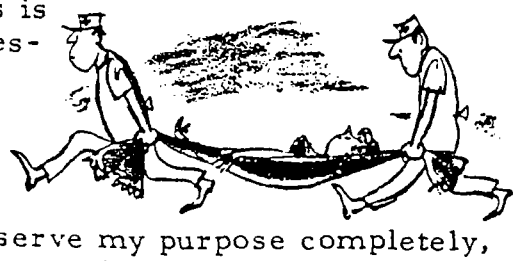


The Will to Live is a dynamic force. The Will to Die is just as dynamic a power. And even a child can use these dynamic principles, either positively or negatively.

When I was twelve years old, my sisters and I went to live with my mother for the first time since my infancy. Up until then I had been boarded out, except for one unhappy year with my Dad and stepmother. Truth is indeed stranger than fiction, and if I were to recount the details of what day to day life with mother involved, it would not be believed. For my mother was a tragically emotionally disturbed person, and I was the focal point for her unjustified and violent animosity. A day rarely passed that my sisters weren't forced to rescue me from dangerous physical attacks. Verbal abuse was also fairly constant, assuring me that no one and nothing could ever love such a God-forsaken creature as myself. I sunk into a greater and greater hopelessness. Something had to give . . . and it did.



After about a year of life with mother, one of my sisters developed Tuberculosis. She was sent to a sanitorium, and this is what gave me my 'inspiration'. There was a way to escape! All I had to do was develop T.B. But how? I meditated on this with my 13-year-old mind. X-ray check-ups of the family had showed that the rest of us had perfect lungs. But I found, welling up in me, an absolute and inexorable determination to escape at whatever cost. And, apparently, lung trouble would serve my purpose completely, for the health authorities took over and sent you away to a (continued on next page)



hospital . . . for a long time. If I died? I didn't care. The constant reiterations from my mother (backed by similar past accusations from my Dad) that I was unlovable had finally taken their toll. I believed it. My subconsciousness had accepted this image at last.

All through my childhood, and up until this adolescent period, the lack of love in my outer environment had been counterbalanced by my Inner Spiritual Awareness. Every night, after prayers and during my meditations, a special vibration had swept through me, projecting me into a fourth dimensional state of Peace . . . Bliss . . . Love . . . Beginningless-Endless Reality. This state of Cosmic Consciousness pervaded me, and I pervaded IT. And even in the darkest moments of my loveless childhood I had the Will to travel onward because I knew that Infinite Love was giving me the strength to arrive at Ultimate Fulfillment when I became grown up enough to Manifest It.

But as adolescence approached, my nightly Cosmic Consciousness gradually left me. By the time I went to live with my mother, it was gone as though it had never been. So I finally accepted the constant reiterations that I was not and could never be a lovable human being. The Will to Live was exchanged for the Will to Die, consciously, inexorably and with profound power of concentration.

I mapped out my plan for escape from my mother. Day and night and all the hours in between I held the image of diseased lungs and charged this mental picture with the full impact of my emotions. It took me only three months to bring my image into manifestation! Indeed, my creative subconsciousness literally ran away with itself. Routine X-ray check-up showed that instead of T.B., to which I was apparently immune, I had suddenly developed a rare and incurable type of lung abscess. Several months later in its aim to please, and in riotous creative abandon, my subconsciousness presented me with the added manifestation of acute inflammation of the lungs in the form of pleurisy. The prognosis for my survival was hopeless. On top of that I also suddenly developed a heart leakage. The broken heart of a child was strong enough to even manifest this extra touch.

Such is the power of the WILL to either Live or Die. I am sharing this particular experience in order to show our members and friends the importance of keeping a constructive and positive image at all times.

In my next article in this series I will tell you about the Miracle that brought back my Will to Live while I gasped what was expected to be my last breath on the brink of death. God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform.

Not to be beloved and yet retained
is the greatest injury to a gentle spirit.
—JOHN MILTON.

GOD is to be our father, yet we are far from being fathers to our own children. We presume to have insight into divine things, and yet we neglect as unworthy of notice those human relations which are a key to the divine.
—Friedrich Froebel.

TO look fearlessly upon life; to accept the laws of nature, not with meek resignation, but as her sons, who dare to search and question; to have peace and confidence within our souls—these are the beliefs that make for happiness.
—Maeterlinck.



WE GET LETTERS .....

Dear Soror A,

In the April-June 1965 "Notes" I read JJL's lamentation, your answer, and her final comments. I feel that in content what you said was correct, and I fully appreciate that her response to the stimuli of her environment is what makes her so unhappy. Self-pity is a crippling illness and no one I suppose is entirely safe from its ravages. Nevertheless, JJL is miserable, and I know you want to do all you can. You simply did not see any reason for joining her at the wailing wall, which is obviously what she wanted.

Would you at least consider this outline of an approach, and if in the light of your much wider experience you think it might un-self-center her, try again? Blame it on the lunatic fringe butting in, if you need an excuse to reopen such an emotionally terminated correspondence, but may I suggest the following:-

> "Thinking over your problem, I have finally concluded that you are right to resign yourself to your miserable conditions. The wise tell us that at any given moment we can do little about what has come to us in that moment of our experience. They also add that we <u>can</u> affect <u>coming</u> moments — but this does not interest you. You have probably come to the conclusion that your attitude is what Jesus meant when he advised against 'kicking against the pricks'. You are to be congratulated on coming to a point of equilibrium in your relations with your world.
>
> "Here, however, is a small thought that may have escaped you: think of the people who impose upon you, consider their unhappy state. Don't you see how insecure and fearful they must be to have to take refuge and find a little self-esteem by 'putting something over' on you? Don't you think it possible that you could spare a little pity and compassion for them? Believe me, they truly need it!"

If this idea could be got across, she would have made her first step, and she would find her own way from there.

Sincerely, HLF

AND, THEN, WE HAVE ANOTHER REACTION . . . . .

Dear B.O.T.A.

The letter in our last ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES struck a responsive note and set me to thinking seriously as to whether or not I was creating problems by dwelling on thoughts of cancer, operations, death, etc. I think I have detected a bit of the martyr in my carrying on for my family's sake, etc. etc. So even if Soror A didn't reach JJL, her efforts were not completely in vain!

Yours in LVX, MM

It is hope that makes the future.



RECOMMENDED READING

Ed. note:- Because we have had many requests for names of books which our students would enjoy reading in connection with their lessons, we have compiled the following list which we consider good reading. We do not carry any of these books in our stocks for sale, nor can we provide them. However, they may perhaps be obtained at your local public library, or possibly may be purchased from your local bookseller or from the bookseller Samuel Weiser, 845 Broadway, New York City 3, New York:

THE IMPRISONED SPLENDOR	Raynor Johnson
WATCHER ON THE HILLS	"
A RELIGIOUS OUTLOOK FOR MODERN MAN	"
SELF UNFOLDMENT	Manly Hall
PERSONAL SURVIVAL	F. Homer Curtiss
THE MESSAGE OF AQUARIA	"
THE VOICE OF ISIS	"
THE TRUTH ABOUT EVOLUTION AND THE BIBLE	"
REALMS OF THE LIVING DEAD	"
THE INITIATE	Cyril Scott
THE INITIATE IN THE NEW WORLD	"
THE INITIATE IN THE DARK CYCLE	"
A MODERN OUTLINE OF OCCULTISM	"
MANY MANSIONS	Gina Cerminara
THE WORLD WITHIN	"
MANY LIVES, MANY LOVES	"
THE MYSTICAL QUABALAH	Dion Fortune
THE FIFTH DIMENSION	Vera Stanley Alder
THE FINDING OF THE THIRD EYE	"
THE SECRET OF THE ATOMIC AGE	"
COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS	Dr. Buck
THERE IS A RIVER (Biography of E. Cayce)	Thomas Sugrue
THE PROPHET	Kahlil Gibran
THE GARDEN OF THE PROPHET	"
THIS MAN JESUS	"
YOU LIVE AFTER DEATH	Harold Sherman
THE KEY TO HAPPINESS	"
HOW TO MAKE E.S.P. WORK FOR YOU	"
Various books by	Neville
Various books by	Alice Bailey

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TRANSMUTE YOUR GUILT

By Harriet B. Case, Grand Cancellaria



Have you a guilt complex? If so, it would be a good idea to drop it! Jesus said: "Come unto me all ye who are weary and heavy ladened and I will give you rest" (which also meant peace of mind and heart). Generally this statement of the Lord's has been taken to refer to problems or heavy burdens of physical work. But what about the heavy burden of guilt feelings and self-hate that so many of us carry around on our shoulders? I have a feeling that this is the main burden that Jesus was referring to, because this is a very insidious load to encumber ourselves with. Not only is it heavy, but it emanates a subtle poison throughout the whole system, inhibiting real progress.

When we can come to realize that it is the Higher Self, the spark or ray of Divine Consciousness that guides us through all our experiences, and that therefore they are all good - even though they may seem bad at the time - we shall look upon our mistakes from a different point of view. We shall see that in reality each individual tries to do the best he can in any given circumstance according to his knowledge and understanding at that time, and this depends upon his state of evolution and/or development. If he is intelligent and fairly well evolved, he will learn from the consequences of his mistakes and try his best not to repeat them.

Sometimes we attract to ourselves from the subconscious level the need to punish ourselves because of the guilts we feel. This is a wrong attitude of course and stems from ignorant and early orthodox conditioning concerning "sin and punishment". What we need to do is to transmute these latent negative and destructive feelings of guilt into positive and creative thoughts and feelings, and no better method has ever been devised than through the use of the Tarot Keys in meditation.



We must not hate ourselves either, but become more tolerant of our personality, looking upon it as we would a small child that is growing into maturity through experience and through loving but firm discipline. We should not drag past mistakes behind us like a ball and chain, but forgive ourselves and determine to turn to a life lived in the law of God. If we do not love ourselves, how can we love others? Or make ourselves lovable to others? We are none of us expressing as yet the perfection which is our eventual destiny, otherwise we would not be here going through the many grades in "God's schoolhouse", i.e. life on this Earth planet! I would like to add here that a sense of humor is a most necessary quality, for it helps us to see our past errors in proper proportion and perspective.



It is needful to remember that everything we have experienced are things which we have earned, whether they are good or bad. We make our own karma. Karma actually means action and reaction. If you sit on a hot stove, you will burn your hind end. If you project (continued on next page)

anger, anger and inharmony will flow back to you; but "Give love, and love to your heart will flow in an ever widening stream". Therefore if we yearn for beautiful, happy, harmonious conditions, we must earn them through our day to day living, thinking and feeling. To get, we must give.



When Jesus said: "Come unto me," I believe He meant 'turn within' to the loving, all-wise Christ Self or Higher Self, the very core of our being, laying our "burdens" (our problems and guilts) down before this radiant Glory, then rising cleansed and purified, enabling us to go forward relieved of this hampering burden, determined to follow the inner Light with ever more devotion.

> Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. MATTHEW. VI. 12 (The Lord's Prayer)

THE PURPOSE OF PRONAOS



Much of our work on the Path of Return is aimed at extending intellectual awareness and understanding into an emotional awareness that can effect all levels of our being. Ceremonial magic has long been known in the mystery schools as a most dynamic means of invoking such reponses.

Our ritualistic work in Pronaos utilizes this dramatic image-in-motion method to aid aspirants in creating symbology of the most effective type. We urge all B.O.T.A. members who live in areas where Pronaos groups have been established to participate in this important training.

A CASE HISTORY FROM OUR FILES

Jan. 20, 1965

Dear Soror A,



My problem may seem unimportant to you who are confronted with some seemingly tragic situations, but to me this problem is both tragic and dreadfully important. At least you'll have to admit it's weighty!

I simply cannot seem to stop eating. The more I try to stick to a diet, the more compulsive becomes my desire to eat. It is absolutely beyond my control --- somewhat like a drug addict. I eat sweets in private, so nobody will know, and actually hide them around the house sometimes. I'm so afraid a member of my family will discover them and find out my dastardly secret that I go into a panic whenever they start hunting for something at home. You see, I never admit to them that I cheat on my diets. The lessons are helping me to understand consciousness better, but apparently I am not advanced enough yet to cope with my widening girth. I look awful! I hate to go anywhere because of my appearance. It seems as if I don't think of anything else from morning 'til night but diet, diet, diet.

I am 24 years old and do not have a boyfriend -- naturally. Who wants to go out with a junior mountain? I live with my mother and brother, who watch my eating like I was an alcoholic or something. Who can blame them? But their attitude really doesn't help. It makes me eat secretly to spite them, I think. I have been on a thousand diets and made a thousand affirmations, and each day I get wider and wider. Someone who is too skinny ought to try this sure-fire method for gaining weight! Am I helpable, or am I hopeless?

P.R.

Feb. 1, 1965

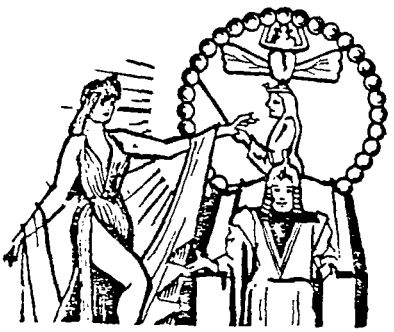
Dearest Fellow Builder P. R.:

I sense your desperation and really do appreciate the seriousness of your problem. But the vicious circle of despair and compensatory overeating can be broken. First of all, you must stop concentrating directly on your desire to stop overeating. The very power of this concentration on a negative situation is setting up a resistance in subconsciousness that is absolutely impossible to overcome. Remember the Seven Steps admonition that Subconsciousness responds to indirection -- to that which is hinted at or subtly stated -- not to direct command. Your many diet attempts and direct affirmations which have always ended in failure are actually setting the pattern for your next failure. You must take an entirely new approach! You must route fixed habit patterns by feeding subconsciousness with a new pattern to take the place of the old one. This new pattern must take a positive form. Stop thinking of yourself as ugly and undesirable. Even if you are



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overweight, there are many people who are attractive that way. After all, if you lived on one of the Polynesian Islands, or if you were a candidate for an Arabian Harem, they wouldn't even consider you passable unless you were forty pounds overweight by American standards.



Please don't misunderstand me, dear. I am not suggesting that you take off for a primitive island or join a harem. I am just trying to make you see that weight is often considered very beautiful. So stop feeling unattractive. Actually, you might be surprised how many men would love to take you out if you would act receptive. There really are many men who like "rounded" women, even in the U.S. Of all things, there's nothing like love to completely wash out an eating compulsion, because it is often a substitute for a lack of love. We tend to compensate with food for the love we feel we cannot inspire. As for a technique, subtle creativity is the most effective. Picture yourself as slim, beautiful and loved by everyone; but do not make any affirmations or try any formal diets at this time. They are connected with the pattern of failure in your subconsciousness. See yourself trying on a size 14 dress which you would have to be slim to get into. See the saleslady remarking how lovely you look. Picture yourself eating and enjoying salads and protein foods and feeling wonderful. Feel attractive, accept dates, visit friends. Keep your mind and hours occupied. Use Tarot Key No. 16 to help break unwanted patterns and Key No. 3 to develop the ability to create constructive patterns to take their place. Good luck!



Soror A

May 2, 1965



Dear Soror A,

I am the girl who wrote you about my overweight problem. The nightmare is over, thank heaven! If I'm still somewhat overweight, it doesn't bother me any more. You see, I am in love! My finace likes me the way I am. He thinks most women are too thin to be attractive. So now, instead of feeling ponderous and ugly, I feel voluptous and desirable. What a difference the point of view makes! I have kicked the compulsive eating habit and lost twenty pounds, and though I am not thin, I feel lovable now. When I felt ugly and unattractive, I was. Your advice was marvelous. I forced myself to stop thinking about diets, weight, etc. I joined a group of girls where I work and accepted some dates they arranged for me. Right away the situation improved. I didn't have so much time to think about food or fight the desire for it. I fixed myself up as attractively as possible, and you were right. There really are some men who like ample women. I found one. I realize now that I kept the problem alive by concentrating on it continuously. Actually I am so happy now I am still losing weight. If you were nearer I would invite you to the wedding. You are really the cupid, you know. Thanks again.



P.R.

May 5, 1965

Dear P.R.:

What a delightful development! I love happy, romantic endings. But watch out! With all your love and happiness now, you may lose so much weight that your fiance won't think you are rounded enough! May the rich "bountifulness" of life abide with you.

Soror A



"Women come in four sizes — thin, medium, plump and WOW!"

Forbidden bread creates an appetite.

ECTOPLASM AND THE FAITH CURE

Part II

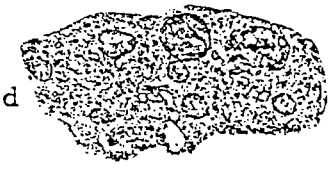
By Felix J. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor



In my last article, I undertook to tie in the faith cure with ectoplasmic phenomena. However, in looking over my previous articles in ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES, I notice that I have not written anything about ectoplasm . . . a prerequisite for what I had intended for this issue. So the tie-in will have to await the next issue while I briefly cover ectoplasmic phenomena in this one.



Ectoplasm, a word coined from the Greek, ectos and plasma, by Professor Richet, is a mysterious exteriorized protoplasmic substance, or body matter, which exudes from the bodily orifices of the medium as a gas, a liquid or even a plastic solid. Since it is a physical substance, scientific psychic research has been able to substantiate its existence and describe and even analyse it chemically. In one such report, we read: "(In ectoplasm) we find substances of organic origin, various cell forms, which leave behind cell detritus. This mobile substance observed, which seems to represent the fundamental substance of the phenomena, does not consist of India rubber or any other artificial product by which its existences could be fraudulently represented. For substances of this kind can never decompose into cell detritus, or leave a residue of such."



In a report published by the Polish SPR, we read: "The substance analysed (ectoplasm) is albuminode matter accompanied by fatty matter and cells from the human organizm."

This learned verbiage describes the physical composition of ectoplasm. In plain English we learn: that ectoplasm originates within the physical body; that it leaves the body as a gas, liquid or plastic solid; that it seemingly molds itself into a multitude of forms and shapes which often simulate parts of a body, such as hands, faces, or a whole body; that it eventually returns to the body from which it emerged; and that genuine ectoplasm, when scientifically examined, cannot be mistaken for other than body substances.

Thus ectoplasm is definitely matter and presumed to be such in its primary state, since at times it is both invisible and intangible. It emits a smell somewhat like ozone. In Swedenborg's case, it was "a kind of vapor streaming from the pores of my body". Colonel Rochas compared the luminous vapor he saw arising from Mme. d'Esperance's breast to the Milky Way. P. Lacour likened the process to the condensation of a nebula. Vensano described it as a mass of swirling vapor at the side of Eusapia Paladino. In Kluski and Eva C., it was observed as white, luminous spots from the size of a pea to a crown piece here and there on the medium's clothes. In Kluski's case, they were much brighter than in Eva's.



Describing a sitting with Kluski, Geley describes how a dimly phosphorescent column formed beside him (Kluski) out of which a luminous hand, perfectly formed and of natural size, patted him (Geley) on the forearm several times in a friendly way. A drop of luminous liquid fell on his (Geley's) sleeve and shone there for fifteen minutes after the disappearance of the hand.

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ECTOPLASM (Cont.)

The output varies greatly. It is conditioned by psychological factors of will and emotion. It may completely envelope the medium as in a mantle. It may have different colors, white, black or grey. White is the most frequent, or perhaps the most easily observed. Sometimes the three colors appear simultaneously. The visibility varies a great deal. The impression to the touch is sometimes moist and cold, sometimes viscous and sticky, more rarely dry and hard. The substance is mobile, slow, reptile-like, or quick as lightning. It is sensitive to light. The production can affect the general temperature of the room. These are the cooling breezes so often noted in seances and about which I will have more to say in my next article. Indeed these changes in temperature in the presence of ectoplasm are basic, in my opinion, to an understanding of the physiological mechanics of the faith cure ... my next subject for these pages.

In Munich, with the Polish medium Stanislawa P., Schrenk-Notzing actually succeeded in making a motion picture record of ectoplasm as it flowed out of the medium's mouth. Many other competent observations about ectoplasm have been made through the past decades by reliable and often distinguished persons both in this country and abroad. Indeed this subject takes up two chapters in my forthcoming book PARALLEL PATHS TO THE UNSEEN WORLDS which will not be available, unfortunately, until means for its publication are at hand. All I can do in this brief article is to vouch for the reality of this mysterious bodily substance, give a few of its characteristics, and later tie it all in to the faith cure. It is most necessary, in my opinion, to tie these two items of psychic phenomena together, since, to the best of my knowledge, it has never been done by any other psychic researcher.

There is no excuse for letting another generation be as vastly ignorant, or as devoid of understanding and sympathy, as we are ourselves.—SIR CHARLES SNOW, BRITISH NOVELIST AND SCIENTIST

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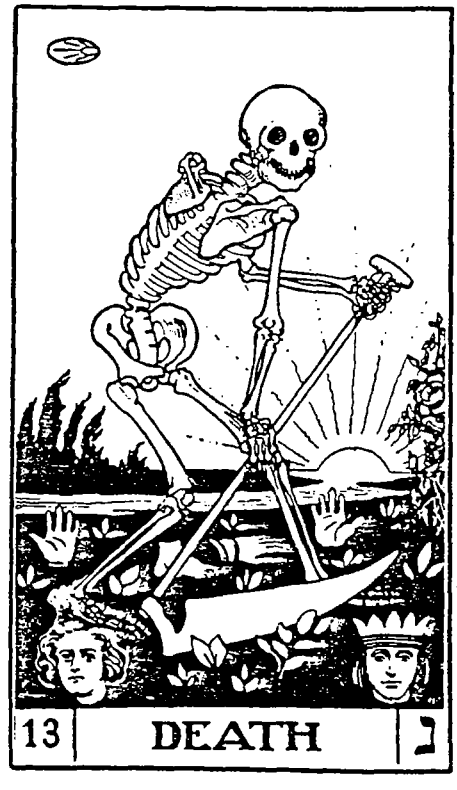
"Death is the ruler of forms
and all forms must change."

The Imaginative Intelligence

O Death,—when seen through lens of
extended sight,
What art thou but the friend of all mankind?
Great reaper of dead forms, clearing the
path
To new transcendant ways of radiant life;
Thou pointest to the rising sun of a fresh
day
Where freedom reigns and sad grey dawns
are o'er,
New life springs forth, new beauty incarnates
In forms that were but dreams of yesterday.

A new world beckons!
Lead on, transformer of mortality,
Into the dawn of immortality!

Above received in meditation by
Constance Jonniaux, Companion Builder



DR. ANN DAVIES SPEAKS

Editor's note: ☞ Due to popular demand, we are with this issue starting a new department. Herein we will present to you selected excerpts from the transcriptions of class lectures given at the Temple by our beloved Dr. Ann Davies.

During a recent lecture, an Aspirant asked Dr. Davies for an explanation of just what Karma is and how it affects all of us.

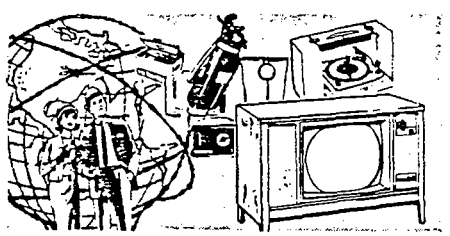
In the next three issues of ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES we will give you Dr. Davies' answer to this question. The first part will deal with Mass Karma.



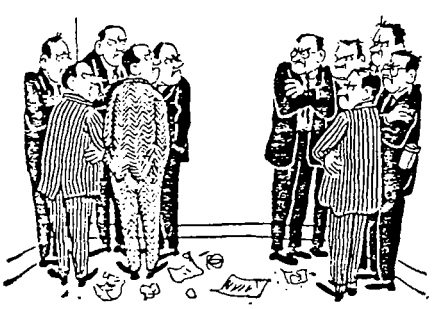
KARMA

Part I - Mass Karma

People often make the mistake of thinking that we have only <u>personal</u> Karma. This is not true. We are more than just personal beings; we are part of humanity. As a member of the human race, we must necessarily share the Karma accruing to the entire group.



This group Karma brings us riches and beauty, as well as poverty and ugliness. We gladly participate in the riches and beauty, but complain when we have to share in the poverty and ugliness. We accept our television, radio, electricity and plumbing as our "right", because we belong to and are a part of a civilized group which has created these "goods". We all share the fruits of this type of creativity, even though very few of us have directly contributed to the actual creation and production of these conveniences within our environment. At the same time, we accept these riches without really appreciating the fact that they only accrue to us BECAUSE we happen to be a part of the particular culture in which they have been made available by people other than ourselves.



However, when we are faced with the hate, poverty, ugliness and injustice that plague humanity, most people are not willing to accept responsibility for this phase of the total cultural pattern. These problems are truly our responsibility too, because they are aspects of the whole group heredity. These negatives are in our environment because as a group we have not yet learned to control and transmute them. While we may not like these discomforts, they lead us to study and research in an effort to understand and change these uncomfortable aspects of our environment. Whether we want it or not, whether we like it or not, we all share in the <u>total</u> Karma of humanity.

Humanity is ONE. We must learn to think in this way. Over and over, we must try to perceive the Unity of Life. Love is the way. It takes Love to know, understand, and accept our responsibility. Humanity is <u>one vast Beingness</u>, and as human beings within this Vast Beingness, we participate (continued on next page)

in both the beauty and the sorrows of all. Our willingness to accept responsibility for helping all Mankind toward beauty and understanding is one indication of the evolutionary level of our soul. It is up to us, who have developed a greater awareness of the Divine Consciousness, to pour out love and beauty to help transmute the World Soul. We share in this Mass Karma simply because we are an aspect of humanity. Some of you know that we are ONE WITH LIFE by direct mystical experience, while others of you can as yet give only intellectual assent to this idea.



As this perception of Unity with the All develops in each of us, we come to know that everyone and everything is a part of us. Thus we gain strength to withstand the lower aspects of personality that have not yet been transmuted in humanity. When we have achieved this, we will be able to follow the words of Jesus of Nazareth when he said, "And I, if I be lifted up, shall lift all others unto myself." We must accept the unity of all. Remember the further words of Jesus: "Except ye all remain in the ship, we shall none come to land." When we are able to recognize this, we will realize that every living creature on the face of the earth is a part of our own being.

When we are willing to recognize and accept reality for what it really is, we shall see that our sorrows have been our greatest riches, because from them we received our depth of compassion, our insight, our understanding, our perception. It is through these that we have learned the true meaning of Beingness. We must learn not only to understand the meaning of pain, we must also learn to wash and transmute pain out of our lives. It is up to us. Being aspirants, we are able to hold a certain center in ourselves inviolate. That center will refuse to be fooled by the surface appearances in this world . . . will refuse to be pulled in by the nonsense and vanities of this world. If we look upon every human being as being a part of the One Life, the One Being, and, therefore, a part of our own Spiritual Body, we will be able to see Mass Karma in its proper perspective. We have to learn to see that every human being is as much a part of our Total Self as is every atom in our body a part of our physical expression.

The sum total of consciousness on this planet has often been called the Planetary Soul. This Planetary Soul is really made up of ALL the vibratory levels on the planet. Think of this Planetary Soul as being a series of graduated levels of vibratory waves. Even an ant is a part of our consciousness. Everything of which we are conscious is part of our consciousness. But as human beings, we alone have reached the level of consciousness where we consciously participate in the evolutionary process through our creative faculty. It is this conscious intention to create, and the conscious knowledge of how to create, which differentiates the self-conscious from the unconscious state in the Garden of Eden. Man's capability of becoming a co-creator with God rests on his development of the knowledge of how to create at the self-conscious, rather than the subconscious, level.

In our next issue we will discuss racial and family Karma.

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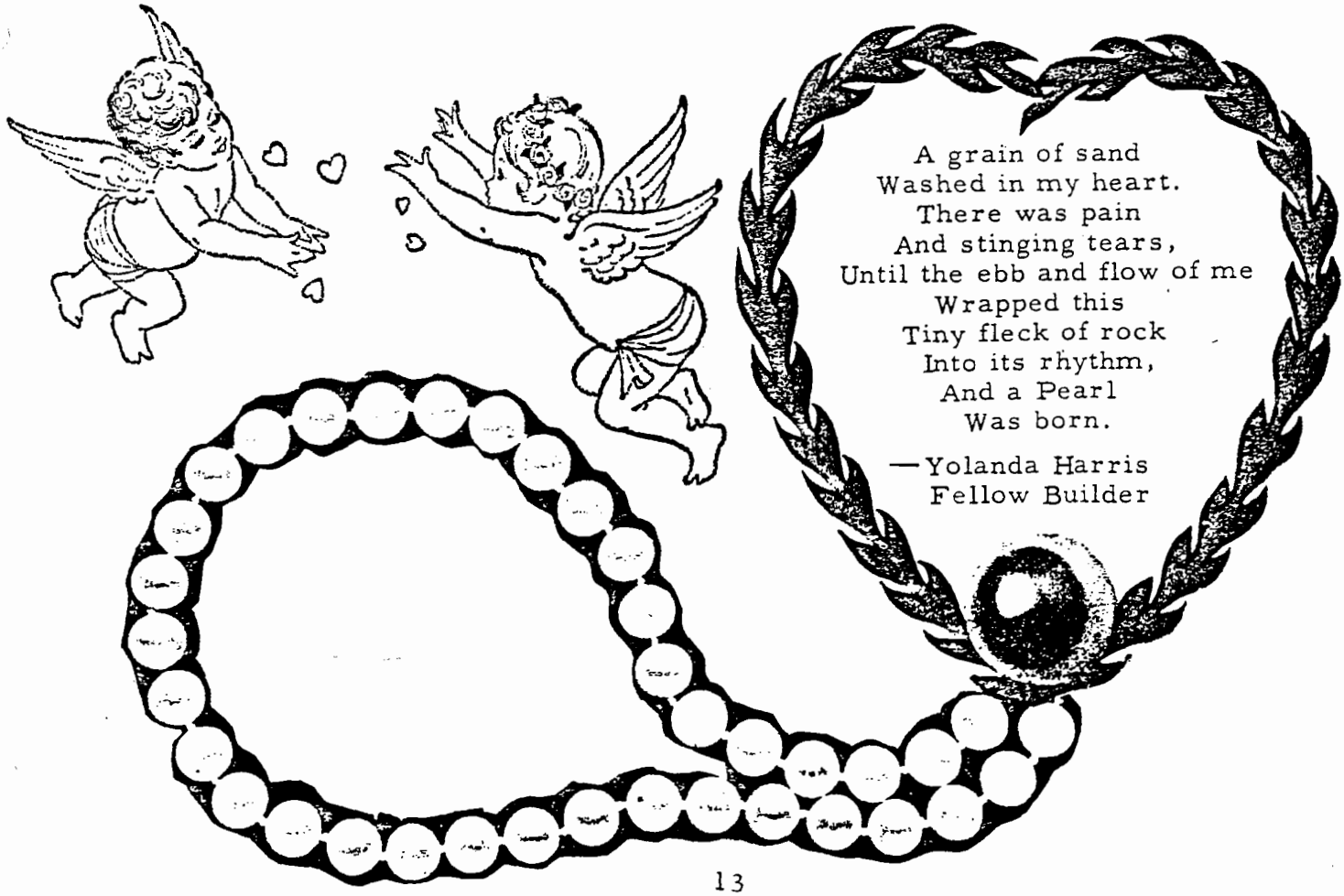
TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

+++ In May we at the Temple had the pleasure of receiving as guests, not one, but two couples visiting us from New Zealand.

Our beloved New Zealand members Mr. and Mrs. Will Chesterman of Wellington and Mr. and Mrs. George Loretz of Auckland were able to attend one of the Thursday night lectures, and a social hour was held in their honor in order to give them an opportunity to meet as many as possible of our local students. All were charmed by the friendliness and exuberance of our brothers and sisters from "down under", and we would like to meet many more of them.

+++ Sunday services are conducted each Sunday at 11:00 A.M. by the Rev. Ann Davies. Those who have been attending regularly have commented on the heightened spiritual perception and healing help they have gained through participation in the Invocation of the Divine Names and Qabalistic Chant, which are now a permanent part of the service.

+++ Our current lecture series by Dr. Ann Davies, entitled "THE QABALISTIC SECRETS OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE - The Mystery of Gender Revealed", encompasses the secret teachings of the Mystery Schools regarding polarity on all planes. The problems that exist between the sexes which inhibit mutual understanding and happiness are discussed, as well as a complete explanation of the Kundalini Power and its proper use as against its abuse by misinformed aspirants. Classes are held Thursday nights at 8:00 at B.O.T.A. Temple and repeated on tape Mondays at 1:30 P. M. These tapes are being carefully preserved in our files, and at some later date when the series is completed and funds become available for printing, we shall offer them to our members as an additional correspondence course.





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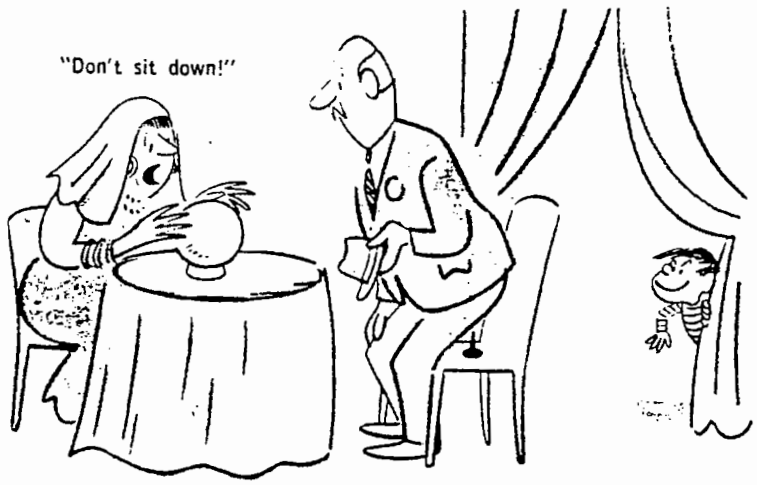
The Administrative Intelligence — Liberation

"He who truly knows the Self, who has freed himself from the bonds of delusion which make the ignorant mistakenly apply the term 'self' to the limited transitory personality, such a one has found the goal." (Book of Tokens)

O lovely freedom of that dancing form
Which passes lightly through the gates of death, — death of
each stage that binds it to this earth,
Until supported only by that POWER
Which holds the cosmic world in its pure, strong embrace,
It lives triumphant, here and everywhere,
Master of earth, air, sea and space.

Above received in meditation by Constance Jonniaux, Companion Builder.

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[Editor's note:- Due to innumerable requests from our members and friends about the mystical experiences of our Prolocutor General, Ann Davies, she some time ago consented to share with you some of her fourth dimensional awarenesses (these having started in her early childhood). This series portrays many of her supersensory perceptions, in order to help illustrate the Reality which underlies physical manifestation.]

MY MYSTICAL UNIVERSE

(Part VIII - The Miracle Child)

By Ann Davies, Prolocutor General

In my last article I related how at age 13 in a state of despair and hopelessness, my consciousness changed from a Will to Live to a will to die. My parents had successfully brain-washed me into believing that I was unlovable . . . past, present or future. And of course I did not know, at such a tender age, that I was being prepared for conscious and continuous knowledge of Life and Love Eternal. The Love that passeth all understanding.



By the time I was fourteen I had landed in the children's ward of a sanatorium near Cleveland, Ohio, with a rare and incurable lung abscess (non-tubercular), complicated by acute pleurisy. My physical heart also was giving up the struggle. After two years of continuous decline, I lay propped up in my hospital bed, wasted away to a mere shadow, gasping for every breath, painfully drowning in the third lung hemorrhage I had had in twenty-four hours. I wearily wondered why it took so long to die.



My mind was trying to evaluate the hundreds of books I had read in the past two years on the subjects of religion, psychology and philosophy. All of them seemed to have opposing points of view, and none of them gave me the answers to the dilemma of pain. Man's inhumanity to man . . . or to a little girl. I was destined to receive these answers, but not for many years to come. So my mind, heart and body continued to sink more deeply into withdrawal from life.

I opened my eyes to discover the doctor, my father and stepmother by my bedside. If I had not been too weak from so much loss of blood, I would have felt surprise at this visit. It was the first time they had come to see me in over six months. They moved to the hallway, right outside my door. My father said, "I just received your telegram this morning, doctor. So this is the end?" "Yes," answered the doctor. "As you already know, this kind of lung abscess is invariably fatal; and with the continuous lung hemorrhaging she has been suffering, I can safely say that it is now a matter of minutes before she goes." (Continued on next page)



At this point I became aware of a brilliant, glowing, golden Sun about two feet above my head. It pulsed with what seemed to me to be an Infinite Vitality. I started to float up towards It, but was stopped midway. I vaguely noticed an umbilical-like cord of light attaching me to my body which lay gasping for breath.

The conversation continued. But now I could not only hear through the open transom, but I could "see" through the closed door, and I could "listen" to their inner thoughts, feelings and attitudes, as well as their outer speech. "We have done all that is within our power and knowledge," said the doctor. This was sincere. Gratitude swept my heart for his kindliness. "What a shame . . . what a shame . . ." said my stepmother, "such a young girl!" This was insincere. I "listened" to her thoughts and feelings. She was pleased and relieved that at last I would be out of the way. "Well, doctor," said my father, "my conscience is clear! I paid out money for the finest lung specialists to try to save this girl's life. My conscience is clear!" More insincerity. From the vantage point of my "inner" seeing and hearing, it was obvious that he, too, was relieved that I would now cease to be an embarrassment and burden to him.



Impersonal compassion for the gasping adolescent child swept into me from the Golden Sun just above me . . . along with righteous indignation. Pulsing wave upon wave upon wave of super-charged vitality came simultaneously with the righteous indignation. I found that I was back in my body with the Will to Live! "Are you going to permit callousness, hypocrisy and cruelty to destroy you?" said the Golden Sun in a wordless communication. "Are you going to be the accomplice of evil by giving it the power to win? Are you going to weaken their souls by permitting them to retire from responsibility, even if that responsibility is you? Take up your bed and walk!"

I did just that. Literally. I jumped out of a bed I had not left for well over a year. I pushed the bed against the door so that no one could enter my room until I wished it. I hopped back into bed, sitting upright, while the Infinite Vitality nurtured and nourished me. And much else.

I don't know how many minutes this phase lasted, but I was suddenly recalled to the physical here and now by a terrible commotion outside my door. The doctor, the head nurse, the floor nurse and some forty-odd children patients were loudly demanding admittance and carrying on as though a catastrophe had occurred. I leaped out of bed, bubbling with my new found energy, and pushed the bed back into place as though it were a feather. Then suddenly I became aware of every cell in my body as being an individual entity crying out for food . . . nourishment . . . sustenance! Ordinary hunger is a mere shadow compared with this all-inclusive voracious need of my physical body that called out to me as I finally settled down to eating my first full meal in three years. After three helpings of everything, I slept like a baby. In the next few weeks I gained weight like mad. At least a dozen of the most important doctors in Cleveland came to marvel. I was called the "Miracle Child". Within a very short period, of course, I was released from the hospital, as the X-rays no longer showed anything abnormal.

I lost the Will to Live once more, when I was 21 years old. A different kind of Miracle took charge at that Initiation, all of which was preparation for the spiritual responsibilities I hold today. Even though there were times when I temporarily lost my belief in a benevolent Deity . . . even though in my younger years I may have seemed to forsake God during the dark nights of the soul . . . this I can say: God has never forsaken me. Or you. Together we are travelling into the Infinite. This I know from the depth of my Being, though it was several years after the episode I shall relate in the next A.N.N. before my awareness was encompassed by this Eternal Truth. *



WE GET LETTERS . . . . . .

Dear B.O.T.A.

Three pictures of your wonderful parties are better than one page of words. Can't you send some of the food, too??? The Rev. Ann Davies can always perform all tasks perfectly; she is a born genius and very likeable -- this is no flattery. She is "TOPS".

R. L. - N.Y.

Dear Rev. Davies:

I just received the Adytum News, and certainly am pleased that you shared your life with me, others as well, but me especially. All I could think of is what a terrible life you've had. I have too, but not nearly as rough. As a girl of 13 I was herding cattle and doing other hard labor as well. I had been stealing coal from the railroad yard to keep warm at age 11 and stealing food from garbage cans behind grocery stores. I was sent away at 13 to the range in No. Dakota to herd cattle. At 15 1/2 years I was asked to leave home and slept on the range with tumbling weeds and snow. I remember lifting my head up out of the dirt in the early morning and seeing the sun come up over the horizon. I said, "Oh God, I know you will deliver me to some place where I will be all right." "God will lead me where I will go," I thought. I don't remember being hungry, as the sun did something to me. I caught a ride on the highway and arrived in Salt Lake. Upon arriving there I went to a hotel lobby and asked to see the chambermaid. I was sent to one and she took me home. I went to work at "Oakies" Coffee Shop. I've been safely lead ever since. This was 30 years ago. I can appreciate the hard times you had; thanks for sharing a precious jewel, ≥your life≤.

L.S. - S.F.

Dear B.O.T.A.

Your News Notes are great. Intensely interesting! And Felix Frazer's articles are so informative. Certainly hope the book will be published. Blessings abide with all you talented, artistic and humorous people. Herewith is a dollar bill to keep News Notes coming.

M.T. - Calif.

(Ed. note: The following is an exerpt from a letter written by one of our youngest students, a 16 year old boy.)

Dear Frater L:

. . . As I stepped outside into the yard at sunrise, these lines came to me, or rather their feeling, which I tried to set down in words: "The New World opened before my eyes as I felt the presence of Isis walking with me in her kingdom. As I stood and watched the solar disk rise into the domain of the morning, I felt a light dawning, rising within my heart. And my soul found rest on the trail towards the heights. And as I stood giving a salute to the spiritual sun, its light covered me for the span of the whisper of a springtime breeze, caressing softly the leaves of the kingdom. And as the Sun rose into my heart, I shivered with joy. And as I stepped out into the dawning sun, with the light breaking through the trees, I looked upon the face of Isis and saw each tiniest plant and animal, and especially the birds, as my brothers. For our fathers are one. And as the mist faded away, a voice spoke, saying, 'The Light of illumination descendeth not from above, but from within'."

P. C. - Okla.

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LOOK WITHIN – KNOW THYSELF

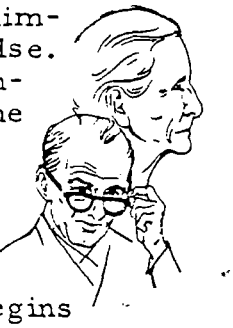
By Harriet B. Case, Grand Cancellaria



Many students of occultism, as well as average Christians, are inclined to think that only in the Bible and the Hindoo scriptures are the basic or Archetypal truths to be found. They seem to be unaware that Chaldean, Egyptian, Persian, Chinese and Greek wise men, who were teachers, priests or philosophers, often expressed the same fundamental ideas and principles in their doctrines. Jesus, in His teaching, stressed the universal importance, the necessity, of LOVE; that we must love God with all our heart and mind and soul and "your neighbor as yourself". (Incidentally, I think this has been misunderstood as meaning 'as much as yourself' when in fact He meant 'as part of yourself', for although we are individual expressions of the ONE SELF, we are one on the inner plane of Spirit.) Jesus, Himself, was the great example, expressing so perfectly the love aspect of God, as well as wisdom and beauty, the Qabalistic attributes of the glorious, joyous Christ Self which is latent in all of us, but as yet only partially awakened and developed in most of us.



Greeks had engraved upon the lintel of some of their temples, "Man Know Thyself". Jesus was saying the same thing when He said, "The Kingdom of God is within you". He tried to make men realize that their bodies were the Holy Temple which must be kept pure and clear so that the True Self, the Christ within, could express on this physical plane ever more perfectly.



To 'know Oneself' is indeed a difficult task and usually takes untold numbers of incarnations to achieve. Yet he who does not know the truth about himself will never understand the truth about his fellow man or anything else. This knowledge is difficult to master because man is a stranger to himself. He does not see the realities; he sees only the illusions, as in the famous allegory of the Cave, told by Plato in the seventh book of THE REPUBLIC: "Man sees not reality, but only shadows of himself, of others, and of objects, never doubting that the shadows are reality." But in time the innate capacity in every man to free himself from his world (or Cave) of illusion awakens. He begins to question, to seek freedom from his pains and sorrows and bondage. It is then that he begins to turn within. The first glimmer of the Light that he finds within encourages him. He continues seeking, questioning and testing.

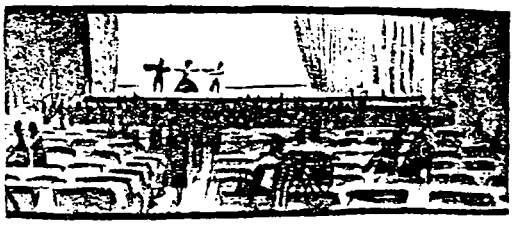


Epictetus, who was born a slave in the first century A. D. and was later freed by his Roman master, became a great religious teacher and philosopher. He belonged to the group who were known as Stoics. His basic tenets were: "My body is not me. My possessions are not me. It is therefore not fitting for me to be too concerned either about what happens to my body (this did not mean to abuse the body) or what happens to my possessions. He who cares about these makes his own prison."

The Stoic doctrine was a harsh one and required constant alertness as well as steadfastness of purpose. Nevertheless it developed (continued on next page)

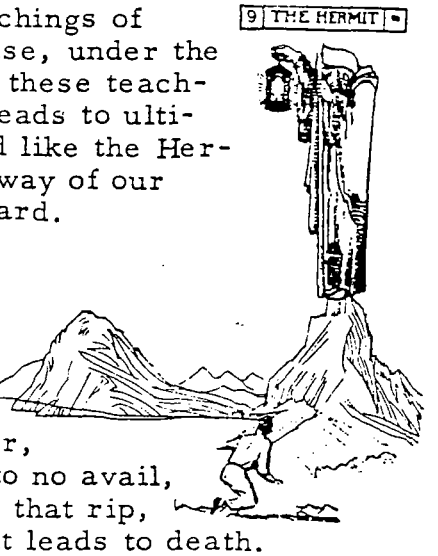


many wonderful teachers and men of wisdom and strength, such as the Emperor Marcus Aurelius, who wrote: "Men seek retreats for themselves, lonely cottages by the seashore and mountains. And yet this is the very commonest sort of stupidity, for it is in your power, whenever you wish, to retire into yourself. For nowhere can a man find more quiet or more freedom from trouble than to retire into his own Soul . . . constantly then, use this retreat and renew yourself therein."



Like Shakespeare, several hundred years later, Epictetus also said: "Remember you are an actor in a play (the Divine Cosmic Play) and the Play wright chooses the manner of it; if he wants it short, it is short; if long, it is long. If he wants you to act a poor man, you must act the part with all your powers; and the same if your part be a cripple, a magistrate or a plain man, for your business is to act the character that is given you and to act it well; the choice of the cast is the Author's

Man is an uncompleted being charged by his Creator with the task of bringing himself to completion. All aspects of his nature must be unfolded and developed by means of the different roles he has to play during his many incarnations. Finally, there is a point reached where man sets his feet upon the Path of Return. Before lon he comes to realize how rugged the Path is, but also how impossible it is for him to turn back. He has reached "the point of no return" - and must go forward to achieve the final goal of mastery over his lower vehicles and outer conditions, as well as the conscious awareness of unity with the One. This conscious union is worth all the difficulties, all the disciplines and all the struggles encountered along the way.



You who are students of the Tarot and Qabalistic teachings of B.O.T.A. as given by our beloved founder, Dr. Paul F. Case, under the instruction of the Master R, know, I am sure, how valuable these teachings and disciplines are in helping us to walk the Path that leads to ultimate victory . . . to the mountain top. There we may stand like the Hermit with his lantern, radiating love and wisdom to light the way of our brothers and sisters who are steadily making their way upward.

The first ten Commandments are the hardest.

JOURNEY'S END

By Fellow Builder Kurtis Wollgien

How many, many lives before, have I trod this valley floor,
A lonely, rough and rocky trail, where stumbling seems to no avail,
Pushing through the clawing grip of saber rock and thorns that rip,
I pause to take a painful breath, on this awesome trail that leads to death.

The sun sinks low 'neath rocky spire, the blackest clouds encased in fire,
Onward, onward, the road is far; for guidance I need must find a star,
Forward, forward through blinding dark, I peer; I pray for a tiny spark,
A distant beacon, a twinkling light, a kindred soul to set feet right.

And then I see a lantern's ray, and an ancient one, in robes of grey,
He stands on topmost mountain peak. It's He! it's He! the one I seek,
Upward, upward, it's no longer far; I see His lantern holds a star,
"Come rest you here awhile, my son; you traversed well, your journey's done."

A CASE HISTORY FROM OUR FILES



May 4, 1965

Dear B.O.T.A.

Through two years of B.O.T.A. lessons and some soul searching, I have finally become painfully aware of my basic personality problem. I lack self-confidence in relation to women. This makes me suspicious and wary of them as soon as they show an interest in me. There is one exception. I am quite at ease with older women (60+). They seem to be especially drawn to me, and I can really shine with them. I get all that nice motherly attention and know at the same time that I will not be getting romantically involved.



I have not married as yet, though I am now in my mid-thirties. I actually intend to, or tell myself that I do, but seem to have an unfailing penchant for becoming interested in women who turn out to have something unacceptable to me about them. So, as you can see, I am a psychiatrist's delight. I pick them wrong on purpose so as not to get too involved, etc. etc.

As before stated, all this is sadly apparent to me in my moments of clarity, but, knowing is just not enough. I am a know-it-all who can't go on from there. What is the answer?

A.Q.

May 10, 1965

Dear A.Q.



You have come up against one of the most difficult problems that all aspirants must face. Much that we read in modern thought seems to tell us that as soon as we have perceived a problem in our nature, it is as good as solved. But it just doesn't seem to work that way. Perceiving is the first step, but only the first step. Transmutation of any personality problem takes repeated effort -- the rhythmic repetition that the High Priestess (Tarot Key No. 2) symbolizes. Thus, to transmute an ingrained attitude, one must continuously replace it with its opposite.







You have a subconscious distrust and dislike of women. You love them because you are emotionally dependent upon them, and your distrust of them makes you hate them for the same reason. To get rid of this barrier to happiness you must begin to see all women as aspects of the Divine Feminine Principle, no matter how imperfectly they may be expressing it. Use Tarot Keys No. 2, 3, and 17 for meditation. They typify the positive aspects of this eternal principle. Only when, by repeated effort, you have achieved love and a depth of trust in WOMAN will you be prepared to love on a personal basis without fear of rejection and betrayal.



Incidentally, your success with older women shows that you are basically a magnetic and loving personality. Age doesn't make that much difference! You may not be as safe with them as you think!

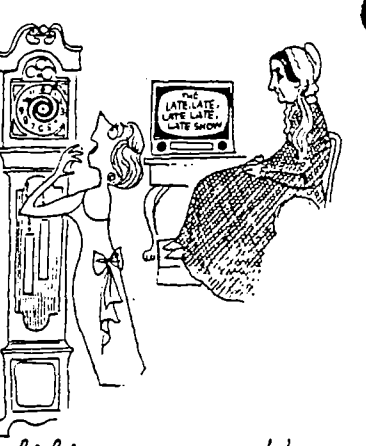
Soror A

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A CASE HISTORY (Cont.)

Aug. 19, 1965

Dear Soror A:

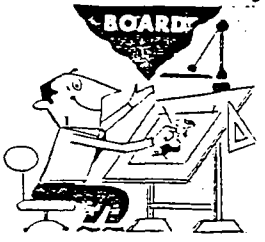


Your answer of several months ago gave me my first ray of hope that at least through repeated effort I might banish some of the unreasoning attitudes I held toward life in general and women in particular.

The lovely High Priestess and the Empress have crept into my cold, cold heart and warmed it perceptibly toward the principle they represent.

You were also very helpful in making me aware of my unsuspecting danger with older women. You got me to realizing that since I had been living dangerously for some time without any apparent ill effects, perhaps I could slowly move the age back without scaring my psyche too much. This deviously clever plan worked wonders. I am now quite at ease with a lovely woman only fifteen years older than I am. Who could ask for better results in such a short time? By the way, Soror A, how old are you???

A.Q.



Aug. 26, 1965

Dear A.Q.

Until your last question, I considered you a fantastic success, but when you asked me how old I was, I knew you still had much transmuting to do! Back to the subconscious drawing board with you!

Soror A

Even back in the Stone Age, when women wrote down their ages, they were chiseling.

Howard Hipkins

Women aren't being coy when they don't give their right ages. Many of them dishonestly can't remember.

Dan Bennett

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

+++ Sunday services are conducted each Sunday at 11:00 A.M. by the Rev. Ann Davies. Those who have been attending regularly have commented on the heightened spiritual perception and healing help they have gained through participation in the Invocation of the Divine Names and Qabalistic Chant, which are now a permanent part of the service.

+++ Our current lectures series by Dr. Ann Davies, entitled "THE QABALISTIC SECRETS OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE - The Mystery of Gender Revealed", encompasses the secret teachings of the Mystery Schools regarding polarity on all planes. The problems that exist between the sexes which inhibit mutual understanding and happiness are discussed, as well as a complete explanation of the Kundalini Power and its proper use as against its abuse by misinformed aspirants. Classes are held Thursday nights at 8:00 at B.O.T.A. Temple and repeated on tape Mondays at 1:30 P.M. These tapes are being carefully preserved in our files, and at some later date when the series is completed and funds become available for printing, we shall offer them to our members as an additional correspondence course.

DR. ANN DAVIES SPEAKS

Editor's note: ☛ The articles in this department are based on selected excerpts from the transcriptions of class lectures given at the Temple by our cherished Spiritual Director, Ann Davies.

In our last issue, we discussed Mass Karma. We now continue with other aspects of this subject.



KARMA

Part II - Racial and Familial Genetic Karma

Racial Genetic Karma refers to the Karma of the racial group in which we incarnate. We incarnate in a specific racial group because it can best afford us the opportunity for the experiences we require for our further evolution. Those who feel or say that one race is inferior to another are caught up in the nonsense, the illusions, the delusions, and the snares of mass mind thinking. Racial Karma has implications for the individual that are much different from what most people think.

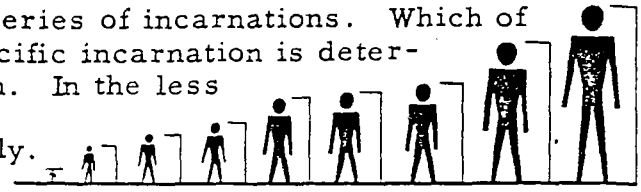
The racial groups who think of themselves as "superior creatures" because of their race are indeed creating a sad Karmic situation for themselves. As history indicates, various races reach ascendancy, then decline for awhile, only to ascend again, and so forth. Each person incarnates into a particular race to learn the lessons that his Soul requires at that time. The Soul begins to share in the specific Racial Karma from the moment of his birth into that Race. For various reasons, some souls stay in a particular race for quite awhile, while others incarnate in and out of various races. One aspect of Racial Karma is the necessity for all of us to outgrow discrimination against each other because of differences of outer appearance, culture, etc., which leads to hate.

Any kind of discrimination because of difference must be overcome. For example, Jews and Christians are divided because of differences in belief, rather than race. If this develops a hate pattern on the part of either one for the other, the hate could lead to re-birth into a group that is persecuted. We reap the rewards of hate by being hated until we transmute out of our consciousness the need to feel superior in this unevolved way.

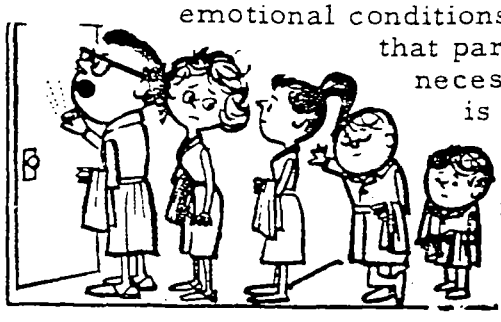
While it is true that hate reaps hate, it is also true that Love reaps Love. Some people in groups that are being discriminated against have never really felt this discrimination to a severe degree in a personal way, but they respond with bitterness and hate. Others have suffered under extreme acts of prejudice and hate from others, but have responded with forgiveness and understanding. This is a part of the testing of the individual Soul. It is our response to what is happening that counts. Whether it be on the vast Human Soul level or on the Karmic Racial level, how we react to experience is what determines our evolutionary level.

Familial Genetic Karma has to do with a specific family line within a race into which we incarnate. This type of Genetic Karma is most generally a recurrent aspect of our reincarnational pattern. The Soul has many family lines and reincarnates into each family line many times. The individualized (continued on next page)

KARMA (Cont.)



Soul uses several family lines throughout a series of incarnations. Which of the family lines the Soul uses during any specific incarnation is determined by a type of electromagnetic attraction. In the less developed Soul, the attraction to a particular family line is done more or less automatically. It is drawn as are iron filings to a magnet. Generally speaking, we are electromagnetically drawn to incarnate into a family line which not only meets the Soul's need for affinity, but also contains the mental and emotional conditions which are required for the lesson to be learned by that particular incarnation. You can see that this does not necessarily have anything to do with race. The emphasis is on the family line. Not until a Soul has completed working out its patterns in any particular family line does the cycle of reincarnation in that family line terminate. We can, therefore, see that we are more apt to go through a series of reincarnations in a particular family line than we are to repeat in any given race. We have many racial interchanges as we incarnate through the Genetic Racial Groups and the Genetic Personal Groups.



Another type of Karma we must contend with is National Karma. Most of our trouble stems from wanting to be separated. We must learn to KNOW that we are not separate. We get caught up in these different aspects of Karma by our feeling of separation. It is up to us to help transmute the hate which is rooted in separation by sending out forces of love and evolution, thus leavening the Mass Karma in which we all share. We must learn to wash all ideas of separation from our consciousness by understanding what Union with God really means. We are a part of the Divine Consciousness, the Christ Consciousness, which is the total Human Soul of this planet.

In our next and final article on this subject, we will expound the personal aspect of Karma.



Oh no! Not after all our work!

The present is great with the future.
LEIBNITZ

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it.
LINCOLN

I am for freedom of religion and against all maneuvers to bring about a legal ascendancy of one sect over another.
JEFFERSON, 1799

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"Devotions"
by John Donne

"Any man's death diminishes me, because
I am involved in Mankind: And therefore
Never send to know for whom the bell tolls;
it tolls for thee."

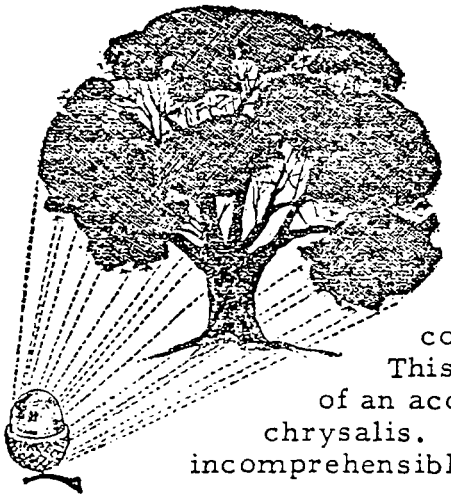
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ECTOPLASM AND THE FAITH CURE



Part III

By Felix J. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor



Occultists will recognize the basic metaphysical proposition that the All is basically the One, and that the One basically comprises the All. However, we can assume that since matter can act directly upon consciousness ... as when one is hit by a truck! ... the reverse may also be true, namely that Consciousness can work directly upon matter, as is evinced by the faith cure. Dr. Stromberg voices a school of thought which does not find the oak tree, for instance, fully, albeit potentially, contained within the acorn. Something else is at work. This something compels and directs an oak tree to grow out of an acorn, or a butterfly with all its ornamentation out of a chrysalis. And this something is Consciousness ... inscrutable, incomprehensible, intangible.

It is, therefore, not unreasonable to assume that Consciousness not only can but always does act directly upon living structures. A component of this action we recognize as the slow process of growth in size. Another we see as a gradual change in form. "Slow" and "gradual" are, of course, no more than time elements peculiar to our form of consciousness. Nature is not concerned with them. She has shown us sub-atomic events which require less than a billionth of a second in which to happen, and astronomical events which proceed through billions of years. Assume that Consciousness chooses to act "fast" and "suddenly" upon some organic structures, rather than "slowly" and "gradually". Why not? "Slow" and "gradual" characterize the action of consciousness in our everyday experience of growth and change in organic structures. "Fast" and "sudden" characterize the action of Consciousness in these same structures which we do not observe every day, as in faith cures. Except for the time element, the action is the same in both cases.



I have just tried to relate the faith cure to other natural events in the hope that thereby we may gain some insight into its anatomy and mechanics. Certainly the first step in the control of any phenomenon is the relating of it to better known phenomena. Further steps in this direction can be taken. The faith cure has been classified as a psychic phenomenon. Now we shall assume that it possesses certain basic mechanics and show that these mechanics have been observed elsewhere in the panorama of psychic events.

Two empirical observations concern us here. The first concerns occasional but prolonged loss of bodily weight by mediums and even sitters as discussed earlier. The second concerns the frequent drops in room temperatures during such sittings. When loss of weight and drops in temperature occur together, the adiabatic characteristic of gases comes to mind. This department of physics deals with gains and losses of temperature observed during the compression and decompression of gases. Refrigeration makes use of the cooling properties of expanding gases. Per contra, when a gas is compressed, as in a bicycle pump, the barrel of the pump becomes hot. Thus when a substance expands, i.e., when its component molecules separate and the mass becomes more tenuous, a drop in temperature occurs. In general, when a substance changes from a condensed to a less condensed state, as in evaporation, the thermometer drops.

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Relating this to seance-room phenomena, we note that when a person is in an unusual mental state, such as trance or near-trance, he or she may temporarily lose bodily weight. When chunks of the body cannot be found lying about the room, we may well conclude that some obscure process best described as evaporation of bodily portions has taken place. Under such circumstances, we would expect to note, by adiabatic theory, a nearby drop in temperature, which is exactly what we do observe. This relates the exteriorization of ectoplasm to well-known and universally observed phenomena which attend expansion and contraction of gases, as ectoplasm frequently appears as a gas.

Science does not explain. It merely describes, relates, and sometimes measures. SPR has both described and measured ectoplasmic phenomena, and I have tried to relate it to a better known category of physical events. This puts us in a position to describe a possible happening in the world of Reality, an event which however caused and influenced, nevertheless occurs. An individual is suffering, say, from cancer. He presents himself to the Shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes, or to a Christian Science practitioner in Boston, or maybe to a Polynesian Huna doctor somewhere in the Pacific Isles. Perhaps he just prays to his Maker for relief. Wherever he goes or whatever he does, we next observe a mental state such as faith or ecstasy either in him, the healer to whom he goes, or both. Either immediately or over a period of time, Consciousness ... whose or in what form we do not know ... influences the protoplasmic structure of the cancer. Its substances thereupon lose both form and density. Its molecules become separated. The cancerous mass becomes liquified, gasified, or otherwise changed in form. Possibly its constituent molecules become exteriorized, i.e., leave the sufferer's body by ectoplasmic extrusion. In the process he loses weight and a drop in temperature occurs.



The process now reverses. Again under the guiding influence of some form of Consciousness, these now undifferentiated, homogeneous and possibly exteriorized molecules or particles re-enter the sufferer's body. But now they arrange themselves differently. Instead of entering the chemical combinations and forming the shape peculiar to cancer, they take on the combinations and form the shape peculiar to healthy tissue. The individual regains the weight he had temporarily lost, as does the medium after a seance, and in the process temperature rises occur. In short, he is cured.

In the last half of this process, nothing occurs that does not happen every day in nature, except for the time element. In the cocoon and acorn, relatively undifferentiated and homogeneous substances build up into complete structures. Even the first half of the process has its analogy in the caterpillar, a very complex structure, which more or less homogenizes and undifferentiates itself in the chrysalis.



This is a possible description in terms of the known world of the faith or miracle cure. To know and understand the relationships and mechanics of an event, or the anatomy of an organic structure, is the first step in gaining control over it. Spiritual Healers who can see the all-pervading Unity and Power of Consciousness are on their way towards gaining that control. A vast field for research in the alleviation of human physical suffering is open to those not afraid of being unfashionable in their activities. ❋

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B.O.T.A. TEMPLE PARTY SCENES

Costume Theme: "A Relaxed Evening at Home - Glamorous or Unglamorous"

(Participants happily 'relaxed' in everything from formal hostess outfits to informal robes and muu-muu's.)

Photograph captures Temple staff at party, who serve you with a smile (well, Felix J. Frazer is almost smiling!)



Top row left to right: Felix J. Frazer, Ann Ryan, Edith Dow
Bottom row: Helen Miller, Harriet B. Case, Ann Davies, Norma Marsh



Beautiful Shirley Diefenbach, famous for 'personality cakes' on TV, displaying the work of art she created for our Temple party.



Marjorie Begley, Temple organist and Marion Hills, Temple vocalist, receiving loving cups from Prolocutor General Ann Davies for service beyond the call of duty! These two are responsible for greatly enhancing the beauty and inspiration of our Sunday morning services and party entertainment.



Ann Davies (middle background) at refreshment table. Which will win, calorie counting or gustatory delight?

Editor's note:-

The following has been submitted by one of our Fellow Builders, who received it while in meditation under great stress due to her husband's severe illness. We feel this direct message will have import for all of us:



"You - My Child - are the Master in your House (your Kingdom of Consciousness).

I am All in All - and I am Perfect. All that is created, is created by Me - and it is Perfect.

Let no one and nothing enter the sphere of your Kingdom (of Consciousness) unless it be garbed in its true garment of Perfection (the way I see and live through My Creation).

Then you - My Child - your Kingdom and every creation that exists and moves in it, will conform to My Perfect Law of Reflection.

Your Kingdom of Heaven will be at hand; ever ready for your experience, ever around and within you; and you - My Child - will walk in the Peace that passeth all understanding."

BAD will be the day for every man when he becomes absolutely contented with the life that he is living, with the thoughts that he is thinking, with the deeds that he is doing, when there is not forever beating at the doors of his soul some great desire to do something larger, which he knows that he was meant and made to do because he is still, in spite of all, the child of God.

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[Editor's note:- Due to innumerable requests from our members and friends about the mystical experiences of our Prolocutor General, Ann Davies, she some time ago consented to share with you some of her fourth dimensional awarenesses (these having started in her early childhood). This series portrays many of her supersensory perceptions, in order to help illustrate the Reality which underlies physical manifestation.]

MY MYSTICAL UNIVERSE

(Part IX - The Heart of Humanity)

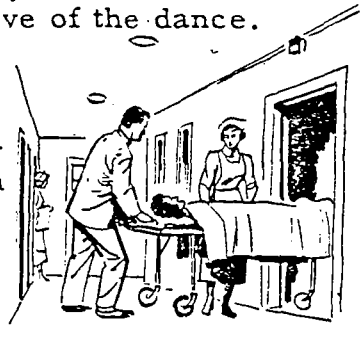
By Ann Davies, Prolocutor General



At the age of 21, I was congratulating myself on having survived such a difficult winter. Spring had come and my shoes had held together, even though I had only cardboard to place over the worn out soles. Cardboard for protection from the cold and snow. And I had been so hungry. The depression was not yet over, and the few dollars I managed to earn went mostly to pay a debt of my mother's. But the future beckoned with promise. I was receiving advanced instruction in classical dancing in return for serving as assistant teacher to a beginner's class.



I was born knowing the spirit of the dance. How to sway with the graceful rhythm of mystery. To me it was like a prayer. A sacrament. Only my fiance was more important to me than my love of the dance. And I was to have them both! I was on the verge of signing a contract with a famous dancing group, and I was going to get married. I would dance with my love through life. And then with dramatic and calamitous suddenness, everything was knocked out from under me. Every hope . . . every plan. I awoke one morning to discover that that the years of malnutrition and exposure to cold and snow had caught up with me over night. Pain . . . pain. Nothing but pain. I landed in the hospital.



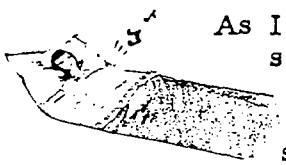
At that time I did not yet realize that the past as well as present intense Initiations were necessary preparations for the responsibilities I hold today. We who serve as direct channels for the Spiritual Hierarchy (the Inner School) must take on extra suffering and problems in order to sensitize our vehicles to the necessarily extreme degree required for this dedicated work. We must know pain and sorrow as well as joy and ecstacy to the most ultimate degree, (continued on next page)

in order to fully understand the problems of the human heart. These "dark nights of the soul" are our contribution towards helping to lift the pain and suffering of this world and thus also furthering the cause of Evolution.



My stay in the hospital dragged on into what seemed like eternity. I was unable to move. Pain . . . pain. Beginningless, endless pain. The long illness proved to be too much for my fiance. He did not remain at my side. The days stretched into weeks and months. Day in and day out . . . night in and night out . . . my consciousness knew nothing but pain. Alone. And no one to hold my hand. Would it ever end? Then the doctor told me that I would remain lame for the rest of my life. Not to run any more and feel the wind through my hair? Not to dance and feel myself a sprite, a fairy, a bird on wing? Not to dance and participate in the rhythm of life?

In that agonizing moment something at last broke inside my soul. Helpless, pain-ridden and without hope, I lost my God. I looked at life and saw nothing but rank injustice. I looked at life and saw it as inevitable suffering. God? Ah, to think that I had once thought that I knew Him so intimately! My previous experiences of Infinite Love and Bliss were swept away, for I decided that it had all been an illusion. God! To think that I had loved Him! A joke! Life was obviously hell, so there could be no God. Life. A horrible accident. I would have no part of it. This was truly my Dark Moment of the Soul. Alone, desolate and empty, with nothing to hope for, I decided to die. I wanted no more of life. But still I continued to endure the never-ending physical agony.





As I lay in my bed of pain, immersed in unspeakable physical and emotional anguish, pondering my absolute determination to die, a bouquet of flowers arrived for me. There on the card were the names of my sixteen previous co-workers. After four months, they had still not forgotten me! Something ineffably strange happened then. I became aware of a soft and beautiful symphony coming from some other patient's radio, and I could see, just over the top of a window, a silvery moon shining down on the East River. Gleaming, mysterious loveliness. And in my arms was a fragrant bouquet of flowers. A message of compassion. They had remembered me. They cared! As gratitude started to wash from me towards each of these sixteen co-workers, a sudden vibration swept through me, filling me with compassion, pervading me with an indescribable Beauty that penetrated into my inmost being. With it came an Inner Vision that had no form. Direct Perception. Deep . . . clear . . . true . . . never to be forgotten. I saw my co-workers from their Within . . . and from this depth of contact I could see that at Heart . . . they were good! This experience expanded outward. As it did so, I saw the Heart of all Humanity. I looked deeply . . deeply into their souls and knew that no matter what they did, no matter how depraved, no matter how evil, greedy, selfish, ruthless, cruel . . . somehow . . . somehow . . . in some mysterious way . . . there was this spark of goodness eternally residing at the core of their Heart. As I saw this, something inside of me melted away, and I wept. All night I wept. But I wept for joy. Such a simple thing it seems. But it was not simple to me. For I knew that because people were, after all, good at the core of their beings, I could not end my life. In a world where goodness existed, strength must be found. Strength to help them. Lost, lonely, suffering humanity.



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MY MYSTICAL UNIVERSE (Cont.)

So, after five months in the hospital, I hobbled home on crutches, suffering still. Helpless, jobless, not knowing what I could or would do. My lameness left me (for several years) with a feeling that I was unacceptable to others ... except as an object of pity, as I had not yet been able to regain a feeling of personal worth. And strange to say, though I had found a new faith in humanity, my intellect continued to cling (illogically) to the determination that there was no God. For to me, God and Justice were synonymous and not until I was able to verify the theories of Karma and Reincarnation (which I will relate in later articles) was I able to regain my faith in a just and loving God.

But this I knew. I must help lift . . . at least a little . . . the sorrow and pain in this world . . . before I left it. Nor would any price be too much to pay for the privilege of serving the children of Life.



Because the Goddess of Compassion had poured from sixteen human hearts to send me the fragrant perfume of a flower . . . a little, frail, insignificant and lonely child of sorrow fell completely, irrevocably and eternally in love . . . with Humanity.

'Tis always morning somewhere in the world.
RICHARD HENGEST HORNE



THE EFFECT OF PRONAOS PARTICIPATION



Lack of communication between self-conscious and sub-conscious states tends to short circuit our energies and is one of the greatest stumbling blocks for occult students. One of the most effective methods for establishing this desirable communication is through the symbolism of Pronaos ritual. The forces invoked by the group are directed toward balance and understanding throughout the personality.

For further information about Pronaos, contact the Artisan in your area:



WE GET LETTERS . . . . . .

Dear Fellow Builders:

In studying the lesson on Key No. 3 (in the DSP post-graduate course), it brought back nearly forgotten memories. I have always wondered why it was that during my early manhood, from 18 years of age on, I would not allow anyone to say anything derogatory about any girl or woman. Regardless of their character, or who they might be, I would not allow anyone to condemn or talk about any woman in my presence.



At the time I wondered why this was, and have wondered many times since why I felt as I did. But since studying lesson No. 17's wise dissertation on the Cosmic Mother, the mystery of my early manhood in the above instance has been revealed.

I will never be able to put into writing the gratitude I feel for B.O.T.A. and for those most wonderful teachings I have received through the efforts of all the people there. I wish it were possible for me to send you thousands of dollars instead of just my gratitude.

With warmest fraternal good wishes in L.V.X.,

• • • R.D.B., Missouri

Dear Fellow Builders:

As the Rev. F.M. is a close neighbor and is receiving the B.O.T.A. lessons, we often have occasion for discussion on various aspects of THE GREAT WORK. You will be glad, as I was, to know of his answer to the question asked of him by another nearby resident who had just been handed a copy of THE OPEN DOOR.

QUESTION: How long have you been studying the lessons? ANSWER: About a year. QUESTION: What do you think of it? ANSWER: This instruction is the very greatest thing that has ever come into my life.

For your information, the Rev. M. is in his mid-eighties. He was an orthodox minister in his early life. At one time he was motivated by the belief that he could "save the world" and he did attain prominence in his profession. But, like Job, sacrificing his health, happiness and prosperity in the self-righteous service to the unknown God of his fathers did not save him from suffering most of the ills which flesh is heir to. When I got acquainted with him he was an old, sick, very unhappy man. He reluctantly agreed to read THE OPEN DOOR. He brought it back with the comment, "It might be all right for a younger man, but I am too old, etc., etc." I reminded him of the excuses invented by those who were invited to the wedding feast — he got the point, and sent you his application that same day. Today he could not be recognized as the same poor, old, sick, unhappy man of a year ago. Many people who know him see and speak about the remarkable change. He has been transformed by the renewing of his mind and is now proving in his body, his life and environment "that which is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

I realize you are in a position to know of many such cases, but thought you might be interested in this one.

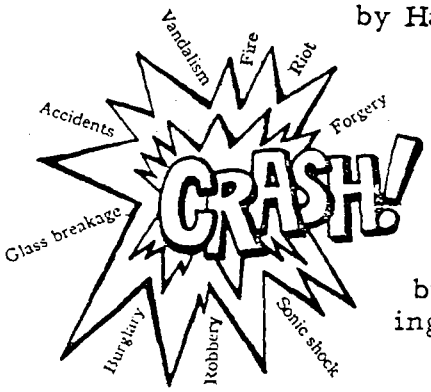
Fraternally yours in L.V.X.

• • • F.B., Texas

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BEGIN WITH YOURSELF

by Harriet B. Case, Grand Cancellaria



Quite a few students write to us who are deeply concerned, not to say disturbed, about the present turmoil — wars, revolutions, racial antagonisms, general unrest and assorted disasters which are occurring all over the world.

It is true that we should be concerned about them, but not in the manner, nor for the reasons that these happenings are feared by the majority of people.

We should be concerned as to what *we* can do individually to bring about more harmonious and peaceful conditions in the world, our country, our community, our family and *ourselves*. For remember the old saying that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

Recently I read a little prayer of Chinese origin: "Lord, reform Thy world, beginning with me." The underlining of the three words is mine.

Now those of us who are privileged to have studied the lessons B.O.T.A. has to offer (which are the legacy of Dr. Paul Foster Case to the cause of enlightened freedom, true Brotherhood of Man, and Self-awareness) are not inclined to maim or kill anyone. Nor will they rob or cheat, bear false witness or show discrimination against anyone whose race, color or religion differs from theirs. However, there are other areas in which we could examine ourselves and see how in *subtle* facets of our thinking and feeling there may be much room for improvement.



Let us ask ourselves: "Are we inclined to get caught up in mass hatreds (even personal hatreds) and desires for revenge? Do we dislike or even hate ourselves? Can we really forgive those who we feel have hurt us? Do we subconsciously feel inferior and insecure and so tend to seek power and exert it over others, particularly those not in a position to rebel? And lastly, do we harbor bitterness and resentment? Or do we feel really free of all these negative emotions and are not fearful of what 'they' will say if we do not conform like sheep to all the social taboos of the community?"

These may not seem very vital points, yet they are, because they are negative attitudes of mind and feeling that radiate out from us. They affect not only those who are near, but those afar off as well. As you know, space and time do not limit thoughts and emotions. Therefore all these non-constructive thoughts and feelings are sent forth to join with those of like kind projected by others, forming something like a huge black cloud of hatred, fear, greed, etc., until it reaches a point of precipitation. Then it manifests as war, strife or some devastating physical catastrophe; for we must remember that the physical-material world is NOT, as most believe, something separate from the mental, emotional, spiritual worlds. All interpenetrate. On the other hand, the constructive, loving, wise and controlled throughts and feelings go forth to help build up the better world we all desire to see. Jesus said: "Watch and pray." This means watch your thoughts, watch your emotional reactions.



What I am trying to point out is, that every human (continued on next page)

being who is sincerely aspiring to find the real SELF within, following Jesus' injunction: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness," is doing his or her part in helping to bring that Kingdom into manifestation. I would like to repeat here a couple of paragraphs from one of Dr. Case's lessons in reference to the above quotation from the Gospel:

". . . This makes the quest for the inner center of *first* importance in the work of a practical occultist . . . The pity is that this is the *infallible* prescription for the healing of all our personal, economic and political ailments. The sort of thing which repeats itself in the sad history of human conflicts and inharmonies *simply could not happen* in a world where most men and women made the search for the *inner center* their primary object in life. Whoever does this invariably finds what he seeks. When contact with the *one point* is established, all other relationships automatically resolve themselves into harmony. This is true yesterday, today and forever. It is true for the individual whenever he actually does make this quest his first concern. And he who does find the *center* escapes even the worst catastrophes, is free in the midst of tyranny, and prospers, no matter what sort of economic or political set-up may be in force during his lifetime."

One should remember, too, that we are in a period of upheaval, of complete change of old forms in preparation for the New Age. This period might be compared to yeast working in a bowl of dough, causing transformations in the fields of social behavior, education, religion, politics and economics. The Supreme Consciousness has a plan and purpose for this world, and through evolution is bringing it from a primitive chaos to the perfection of real civilization. Each of us is a center for the expression or manifestation of this purpose. Therefore, let us take those two lines of the little Chinese prayer to heart and, beginning with ourselves, help in the reformation or regeneration of the world.

Reforms should begin at home and stay there.
ANONYMOUS

Reform must come from within, not from without. You cannot legislate for virtue.
JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS

THE TOUCH OF NATURE

"I will lift up mine eyes unto
the hills from whence cometh
my help." Psalms 121:1

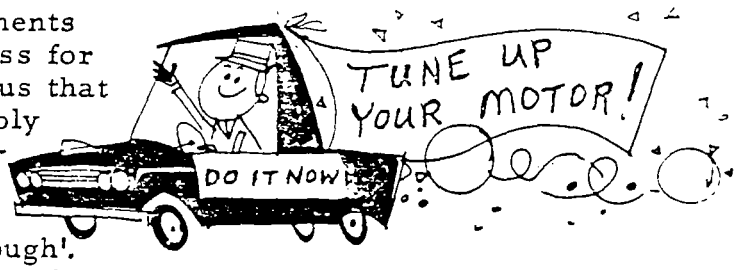
I felt of the wind's soft complaining,
I sank to a low hill's embrace,
I heard the hoo-oo of a night owl,
I traced a fine grasswork of lace.
I list' to the brook's plaintive murmur,
Sensing how still it could be,
And lo! I found upon leaving
The hills had become part of me.

— Fellow Builder Helen Thornton

DOES YOUR MENTAL-EMOTIONAL MOTOR NEED A TUNE-UP?

by Ann Ryan, Staff Psychologist

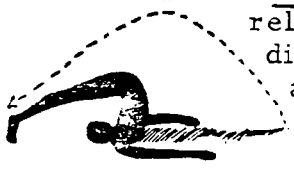
Editor's note:- We herewith present the first of a series of penetrating articles by our staff psychologist, Ann Ryan, who is eminently qualified to help our members with suggested guidelines for spiritual development. She possesses both B. A. and M. A. degrees in Psychology and Social Work from major universities and combines her modern scientific training with highly developed occult perception.



We have all received advertisements from some garage soliciting our business for a motor tune-up. They usually inform us that if our auto is running poorly, we probably need new spark plugs and points. Without sufficient 'spark', we are told, the gasoline will not ignite, and with defective points our auto engines will run 'rough'. They go on to assure us that by replacing these items we will be saving money, because we will be igniting and using, rather than wasting, our fuel.

In a similar way, a person may need psychiatric treatment because he is misfiring his 'fuel of life'. Therefore, the most important thing for the psychiatrist to do is to determine what has happened to the patient during his lifetime. How much 'gummed-up soot of misfiring' has been allowed to accumulate in the areas of the patient's thinking and feeling? Those in the field of mental health recognize that the misfiring of the personality aspects cause problems in the total environment in which the patient functions. His timing being deficient means that the emotional and mental aspects of the personality will not be synchronized, and in many instances the personality will be unable to function. Unless the psychiatrist can elicit some immediate response, the patient may have to have a complete 'overhaul' by an extended stay in a mental hospital.

The psychiatrist realizes that the psychic forces must be freed to enable the patient to use this 'fuel of life' to a greater advantage. In evaluating the patient's relationship to himself and the world around him, the psychiatrist wants to know how much of himself does the patient have to invest in living and, more importantly, how much of himself is he investing. The way he approaches a new situation, or a new relationship, or a new concept, is an indication of the degree of rigidity or flexibility of the personality. With some perception of these attitudes and responses, the psychiatrist can pretty well determine whether or not the patient can use the psychiatric relationship for treatment purposes. Those patients who are able to approach their problems with some degree of flexibility are considered to be 'good psychiatric risks'. Those who approach their problems in a frozen, neurotic way are considered to be 'poor psychiatric risks'. This is not to say that the latter will not benefit from therapy, but it is usually found that they will not use the services to the same degree as will the former.



Those whom psychologists treat usually have fairly serious personality problems, but we can all benefit from recognizing the trends in thinking which precede these difficulties, and we should strive to develop flexibility in our approach to personal problems or in facing whatever situations seem to (continued on next page)



cause us trouble. In Tarot we are given this message by the gay, debonair symbol of the Fool, Tarot Key 0. He is 'traveling light' and his spark plugs and points are functioning perfectly. He is about to enter the great adventure of the new, and he carries very little of the old in his satchel. Flexibility is the touchstone of the principle depicted by the Fool. Flexibility is his watchword as he prepares to step off the precipice into the valley below. He symbolizes the qualities which every Spiritual Aspirant, as well as every psychiatric patient, needs to become one with the Life Force which is forever 'a babe newborn'.

When we learn to approach life with this same quality of light-hearted gaiety and adventure . . . when we can move out to life and handle what it has to offer as it comes . . . then can we assume the risks that life offers without fear of wasting our fuel. Life has more power to offer than most of us have learned to use in our travels along the avenues of the great adventure. Transmutation of our personality patterns into greater degrees of flexibility can be accomplished when we can enter into the Spirit of the Fool. Suddenly we will find that the Great Adventure will have lost its terrors, and the precipice of the new will be as welcome in our lives as is the comfort of the known.

Let the Fool begin and end your day, and see how much more fun Life can become.

The world turns aside to let any man pass who knows whither he is going.

DAVID STARR JORDAN

Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp,
Or what's a heaven for?

BROWNING, *Andrea del Sarto*

METAPHYSICAL CREDO

I believe in the Father-Motherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

I believe in the law of reincarnation, which is the cycle of necessity for the growth of the soul.

I believe in the perfect harmony and justice of the cosmic order.

I believe I walk the Path of Return, ever transmuting, ever redeeming myself through the power of the Christ force.

I believe this path will one day bring me to self-conscious union with God.

I believe all living things are one, and I AM that one.

— Fellow Builder Marjory Begley

EVIDENCE FOR SURVIVAL

by Felix J. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor



During 1965 the Grim Reaper cut quite a swathe through the circle of my personal friends and acquaintances. Bereavement and sorrow visited many households in my own bailiwick. Thus in this article I am minded once again to touch on the age-old problem: If a man die, shall he live again? An agnostic mother and a hard training in mathematics and the material sciences got me off, I believe, to a good start with this problem . . . good in the sense that I held no rigidly conditioned religious beliefs, on the one hand, and good again because my training taught me to seek answers to all problems by scientific investigation, which was my particular road forward.

This may sound strange coming from your Grand Prolocutor, a man who is one of the heads of our great and world-wide metaphysical church and Mystery Training Center. But is it really so strange? Many of our greatest scientists and philosophical thinkers have started life as confirmed agnostics, even disbelievers. Following the pathways of science, they have, as I have also, run head-on into what I call the unseen worlds. Their noses, as has mine, have been rubbed in the dust of their own prejudices and disbeliefs, not by the dicta of others, but by the stern and implacable facts uncovered in their own strictly scientific investigations.



This is how I came to spend three years writing PARALLEL PATHS TO THE UNSEEN WORLDS, now awaiting publication. Yes, mysticism and metaphysics, on the one hand, and scientific investigation on the other, are parallel paths to truth and fact for those who can rightly follow them. Parallel, in geometry, defines lines which do not cross, but go the same way. And that way, when strictly followed, leads to truth and fact which, if they are anything at all, are reflections of the images and imaginings of God.

For a change, let the occultist, not the scientist, speak now. Years ago, Hamlin Garland, author of THE BURIED CROSSES and well-known in contemporary literature, asked me to investigate a certain medium. But it is not of this mediumship that I write, but of a group of people whom this mediumship brought together. One evening, my wife and I were visiting the family of the head of one of our large corporations, a man deeply interested in this mediumship. His family included his mother, an elderly lady of refinement and culture. We noticed that despite her nearness to the Great Divide, she was not interested in our scientific discussions about the evidence for survival. Finally an opportunity presented itself which enabled my wife and me to have a chat with her in her own little study and away from the others. Tactfully we asked why she seemed so uninterested in a subject which was of such great interest to the rest of us. She smiled and graciously enlightened us.

Her very dearly loved husband had died several years ago. They had lived a happy and long life together, and his death had left her in the depths of grief and despair. She had had no formalized religious beliefs, nor had she built up her own philosophy of life to a point where it could sustain her. Her notions of survival were hazy and doubtful at best.

Then one evening shortly after her husband's passing, she was alone in her bedroom, sunk in grief. Suddenly she saw her husband (continued on next page)

standing beside her. Something swept through her consciousness which temporarily so changed it that the situation suddenly appeared wholly normal and natural. Sitting beside her, her husband explained the change which death had brought him, the activities upon which he was currently engaged, and particularly his own feelings which contained no thought of separation or grief where she was concerned. He told her that she was just as near and dear to him as she had been during his physical lifetime, and that the only sorrow he experienced was the reflection of her own. No, she told us, she was not interested in the pros and cons of human survival from the scientific angle. She knew about it from the better point of view of personal experience and perception.

I cite this case to show that the prime impact of such experiences, as on the grieving lady, and their secondary impact upon those who can accept them, is often more convincing than so-called scientific proofs. My doubting wife had for years been deluged with a flood of scientific psychic research recountings by an over-zealous husband, but this simple little tale told by this kindly old lady removed her doubts about the hereafter in a way that an encyclopedia of psychic science could never have done.

One more case concerns a gentleman close to the work of B.O.T.A. Several years ago he lost his wife, whom he dearly loved. Then one evening his wife returned to him, also. In appearance she was as young and beautiful as she had been in youth. She chided him for his grief, but also exhorted him to study, study, and more study . . . that, she said, was his particular road to knowledge and revelation. Shortly thereafter, he was lead to B.O.T.A. and has found the fulfillment of his personal needs and also the heart and center of his life in this organization.



We cannot all travel the same path forward and upward. Some receive spontaneous and personal revelations and stop contentedly right there. This is wrong. It should trigger them off to learn more of the eternal verities through their own efforts. Others find their answers along the pathways of science. Still others unquestioningly accept the dicta of the orthodoxies. Such, however, often find themselves naked and unprepared when the moment of bereavement arrives. To all questioning aspirants, I suggest metaphysical study and meditation. Remember that while on the cosmic drawing board, all roads lead eventually to Rome, no matter how they twist and turn and even lead backwards for a while . . . that is, some are shorter than others. But, above all, remember that a stationary object gets nowhere, nor can such an object be guided!

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A CASE HISTORY FROM OUR FILES

Sept. 22, 1965

Dear Soror A:

I need your expert advice about a very distressing situation. Several years ago I obtained a divorce from my then husband because we had absolutely no interests in common, especially my interest in occultism. It seemed to me that if only I could find someone who was an occult student like myself, all other problems could be easily handled. Oh, how an idea like that can lead one astray! This idea led to my recent engagement to a spiritual aspirant whom I met at a local series of occult lectures. I thought I had at last met my soulmate. We seemed to have so much in common, at first. I introduced him to B.O.T.A., and though he started taking the lessons, he didn't keep them up. He said that he did not have need for such formal instruction, as he got all his teachings direct through meditation and intuition. It sounded very advanced, but now I am beginning to wonder just how good a source of information his 'intuition' is.

First of all, he told me that I needed some very definite revision. The things wrong with me were legion. Well, this is probably true enough, but what he decided was wrong with me strikes me as rather far-fetched. See what you think!



First on the list was smoking. This was not easy, but I had wanted to quit for some time anyway, so - well and good. Next all drinking went. This was not difficult as I had never been more than a moderate social drinker anyway. Third (and now we're getting to the parts that hurt) I was to spend ten minutes every morning standing on my head to get my organs back in place. The trouble is, as the organs went into place, the vertebrae went out; so where's the advantage?



Fourth, my diet was entirely revised for me. I use the word 'diet' loosely. It was practically a complete fast. Besides this, I was to get up one hour earlier every morning - 5:00 A.M. - so that I could take a long walk (actually running is closer to it) before eating my practically non-existent breakfast and going to work. At night I was supposed to take another long walk after my leafy dinner. If you think this is rough, hold tight, because there is more! Of course I was to go without makeup, as it was too unnatural. Too much sleep, my beloved told me, is a waste of time; so I was to cut down to four hours per night. I must get rid of my pet poodle, as animal vibrations are a detriment to advancement; and last, but not least, give up seeing my sister because he considered her easy laughter an affront to the serious business of metaphysics. Doing all this and at the same time trying to hold down a rather demanding secretarial job has led me to the sad conclusion that I am not going to make the grade. If this is the road to illumination, I'll probably be found in a sad little heap somewhere along the way.



Dr. Case mentions in the lessons the advisability of sensible moderation in all things. My poor boyfriend doesn't seem to know the meaning of that word. I'm terribly disappointed, of course, but a lifetime of eating and sleeping has given me strong habit patterns along these lines. I could never live up to my fiance's idea of a spiritual mate. Do you agree with me? Shall I say goodbye while I still have the strength to wave?

H.W.

Sept. 29, 1965

Dear H. W.

You, my dear, have had the misfortune to become enamored with a metaphysical fanatic and a tyrannical personality all rolled into one almost unbelievable man. You really don't need advice. You have already arrived at the (continued on next page)

correct answer. By all means, say goodbye and get your feet back on the ground and your head off it!

The middle path is almost always the correct one. If your boyfriend had been an ordinary health enthusiast who did not try to impose his beliefs on others, we would have honored his right to personal choice of action. But to try to impose his extreme ideas on another in the guise of romance strikes me as most unromantic! Your health could actually have been seriously damaged. The fast and near-fast are for the very few, and then usually for short periods of time. His ideas on sleep, exercise, pets and laughter smack of the 'crank' occultist who believes he can storm the gates of heaven with negatives — or what he does not do. He doesn't smoke, he doesn't drink, he doesn't eat meat, he doesn't swear, he doesn't laugh. The trouble is that he is usually so self-satisfied with his omissions that he scarcely does anything positive along the Path of Return.



Tarot Key No. 11 symbolizes the balance and equilibrium that should guide us in all circumstances of our life. Extremism of any kind is not the path to attainment. The state of mind of such adherents is always so narrow and bigoted that they are not open to the higher truths. Dear Fellow Builder, as you well know I hate to break up any romance, but I console myself that this one was finished before I came on the scene. I hope this helps you see that just because a person calls himself a spiritual aspirant, it isn't necessarily so. Don't give up now! Keep looking! Use Tarot Key No. 6 to develop the discrimination needed to find a more 'realistic' idealist.



Soror A

Nov. 8, 1965

Dear Soror A:

Thank you for confirming my already made decision. I am eating and sleeping again. What delightful habits they are, too! Actually, I have retained some of the dietary ideas and exercises recommended by my ex-boyfriend, but in moderation. I even still take a walk, not run, in the evening, but no longer in an advanced stage of starvation. As you so altogether characteristically YOU advised me, I haven't given up hope on romance. I'm still looking, but believe me, I've learned a major lesson in discrimination. I thought that anyone who professed to be a spiritual aspirant was automatically way ahead of anyone who did not so profess. From now on they will have to show me a few more qualifications than attendance at a metaphysical meeting. H.W.

Dear H. W.

You learned the hard way the sad lesson about the 'lunatic fringe' of psuedo-occultists. These are the ones who use occult ideas "out of context" to back up pet fanaticisms so as to dictate to others in the guise of spiritual know-how.

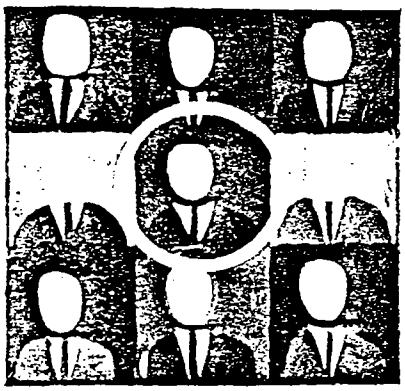
Incidentally, I'm glad you've stopped that aimless running. Now your heart can stop palpitating both from physical exhaustion and emotional entanglement! I never thought I'd be partner to breaking up a romance, but you live and learn! If you value my peace of mind, let me know as soon as you find a suitable replacement.

Soror A

How often we stifle our personal relationships, in marriage, in parenthood, in friendships, by love that shackles instead of surrounds, by love that imprisons instead of giving illumined freedom.

DR. ANN DAVIES SPEAKS

Editor's note: ☛ The articles in this department are based on selected excerpts from the transcriptions of class lectures given at the Temple by our cherished Spiritual Director, Ann Davies. This article will conclude our three part series on Karma, and will deal with personal Karma.

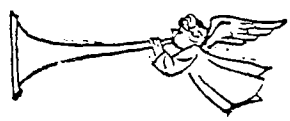


KARMA

Part III - Personal Karma

As individual souls we also have a personal Karma. Personal Karma is our own particular unique line, or pattern, which is rooted in the heart of Divinity, the Ego of all humanity. Although it is our particular unique line, it is not separated from all other unique lines which make up the one vast Beingness which is the Christ Consciousness of us all. The personal aspects of Karma revolve around the feelings and attitudes we have about being separated and isolated from the Group Soul.

When we start on the Path of Return, the Ego in which we all share takes charge. When we can say, with Jesus, "I have no will save the will of Him that sent me," that Selfhood takes charge of our personality and our conscious evolution is accelerated. The personality, remember, includes the intellect and the emotions, as well as the physical body and its environment. This Ego is the true "I" which utilizes these facets of personality throughout its incarnations. As the Soul builds and dissolves various personalities in gaining its incarnational experience, residuals of these experiences are held in the deeper aspects of the Soul. This is what constitutes our Personal Karma. This idea is shown in the symbolism of Tarot Key 13, entitled Death. From our life experience throughout many lives, we gain strength and understanding of Soul. Tarot Key 20, entitled Judgment, symbolizes this idea. It is thru the disciplines of physical incarnations that the Soul finally gains the strength to respond to the Holy Guardian Angel Gabriel blowing his Trumpet and saying, "Wake up. Wake up."



It is my privilege to be a channel to help awaken each of you to the magic and glory and beauty and love of life which we will all experience together when the work of transmuting our personalities makes us all channels for the establishment of a true Brotherhood of Man. This takes great strength. It is the level of Soul development which determines the individual's response to the problems of life which we all share. This response is also the creator of our individual Karma.

While it is true that the ability to cope with the problems of life is directly related to the strength of Soul we have achieved, it is also true that part of this ability to pass the tests of life comes from our ability to understand our environment. When we understand a problem, we can recognize the reason for its being, and we can begin working with the causes and not with the effects. When we can learn to recognize our environment for what it is, we will be able to transmute our own attitudes toward what is happening and thereby change our environment. To the degree that we can learn the true meaning of experience and thereby remain firm and strong in and with our highest aspirations, to that degree have we passed the test that will take us on to the next level of our personal evolution. As we are able to do this, we are able to help transmute the Karma of all humanity.

NO MAN IS AN ISLAND, ENTIRE OF ITSELF.
EVERY MAN IS A PIECE OF THE CONTINENT, A PART OF THE MAIN.
ANY MAN'S DEATH DIMINISHES ME, BECAUSE I AM INVOLVED IN MANKIND.
—JOHN DONNE

Editor's note:-

The reprint of this exceptionally beautiful poem was sent to us by one of our dearly beloved students, who wanted to share it with the readers of the ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES:



PARTNERSHIP

It is not true that God created me,
For I am something hardly yet begun,
A Nebula and not a flaming sun,
But it is gloriously true that we,
Both God and I, in linked activity,
Are thinking out, are shaping forth
Some one,
A greater me, in whom his thoughts shall run
As tides move in the body of the sea.

O Lifter of our dreams above our deeds
Unto Thine own amazing far flung goals
Beyond the milestones of the farthest stars,
I find but hints of Thee in all the creeds,
And only echoes in the wisest souls;
Yet art Thou here within my prison bars.

— Elliot Chidsey Armstrong

Society waits unform'd, and is for a while between things ended and things begun.

WALT WHITMAN

Men are wise in proportion not to their experience but to their capacity for experience.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

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Editor's note:- Due to many requests from our members and friends about the mystical experiences of our Prolocutor General, Ann Davies, she some time ago consented to share with you some of her fourth dimensional awarenesses, which started in her early childhood. This series portrays many of her supersensory perceptions, in order to help illustrate the Reality which underlies physical manifestation.



MY MYSTICAL UNIVERSE

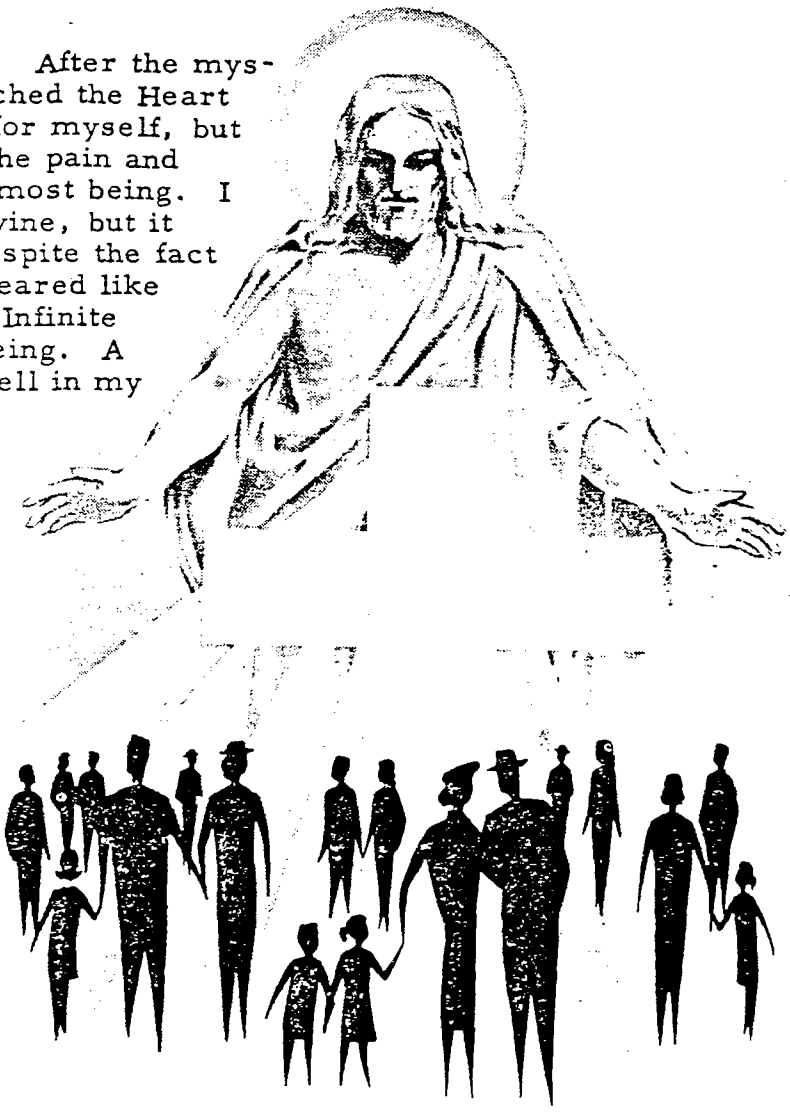
(Part X - Graduating from Atheism to Agnosticism)

By Ann Davies, Prolocutor General

Dr. Paul Foster Case has said, "Most atheists disbelieve in the kind of God that never existed." This was certainly true of me between the ages of 21 and 24. With the partial logic of Youth, I argued, "How could a loving God exist when injustice is so rampant in this universe? Why should pain be the lot of all, sooner or later? How account for hate, jealousy, greed, selfishness, cruelty, hunger, delusion, insanity, ugliness, tyrrany, etc. if a just and loving God created all that is? Why should the innocent suffer and the guilty go free?"

My heart yearned to wipe away the unhappinesses and pains of life. I felt torn with compassion for others and did what I could to help feed the hungry in my own immature way. And I, too, walked in hunger. Between the ages of 21 and 24 I married, gave birth to a baby girl and was in the midst of divorcing my financially irresponsible husband. But the malnutrition I suffered during my pregnancy had taken its toll. When my baby was one year old I collapsed from sudden and uncontrollable hemorrhages of the lung. The lung abscess from which I had had a miraculous recovery at age 15 had returned — more virulent than ever. The greatest lung specialists gathered together at a local free clinic and diagnosed my case as hopeless. I was told I could die any day . . . any hour . . . any moment. For the third time in ten years I faced the Dweller on the Threshold. Again I was in the midst of a Spiritual Initiation in preparation for my future responsibilities in the Divine Hierarchy, even though I mistakenly considered myself an Atheist. The two previous times that Death held my hand (at ages 14 and 21) I had lost the Will to Live and embraced the Will to die due to loneliness, grief and loss of all hope for possible future personal happiness. Only Divine Intervention at the last moment had given me the strength to survive.

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But this time it was different. After the mystical experience at age 21 when I touched the Heart of all Humanity, I lived on . . . not for myself, but because the Divine Urge to help lift the pain and sorrow of this World pervaded my inmost being. I did not yet recognize this urge as Divine, but it ruled my heart, nevertheless. So despite the fact that the doctors pronounced what appeared like my death sentence, I experienced an Infinite Vitality flooding through my entire being. A Boundless Livingness bathed every cell in my body.

Personally, I had nothing to live for. I had just divorced an irresponsible husband. I was alone. I had no money. I had no personal hope. I was told I was going to die.

BUT I KNEW I COULD NOT DIE because I had decided instantly that I WOULD NOT DIE!! THE WILL TO LIVE throbbed in me. I WOULD NOT DIE because I had NO RIGHT TO DIE . . . Not yet! I had brought a child into this world and I owed her a mother. And humanity was in pain. There were tears to be dried. Souls to be helped. Hearts to be lifted. Loved.

As I looked about me, at 24 years of age, it was obvious that life held pain and sorrow for all living creatures, sooner or later. And, from the viewpoint of my illogical atheism, I saw death as the only friend of suffering life. Death. Eternal sleep. Oblivion of consciousness. Utter extinction. It comforted me to think that if I walked with pain, it was only because I CHOSE TO DO SO! It comforted me to think that some day I would be released through the total oblivion of my consciousness at death. No more Ann. No more pain. Eternal nothingness.

A chuckle rose up from deep within my being and I found myself participating in what seemed to be a Universal Joke. I misinterpreted the true meaning of this all-pervading Infinite Vitality mingling itself with tender chuckling laughter — at and with myself. I misinterpreted it because in stubbornly clinging to my foolish Atheism I did not yet know that in actuality I had just passed through a major Initiation.

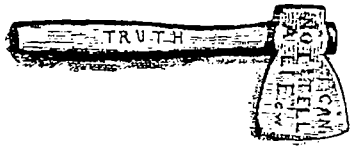
However, the three-year Atheistic phase was about to end. It had served its purpose. I had emptied myself of all previous misconceptions. All past beliefs were gone. Exoteric religious patterns were shattered. I had faced death and oblivion itself and had conquered and laughed at it despite the fact that I had nothing on the conscious level to believe in. My soul had become stabilized with the Strength of the Higher Self and was now ready to undertake the Arduous Journey (cont. on next page)

of Consciousness that was to take me into the realm of the "Knowers of the Mysteries" as against the believers. The personality of Ann had become an empty vessel awaiting the strenuous development of Conscious Attainment of Immortality.



It was immediately after the experience of Infinite Vitality mingled with laughter that I was having an argument with an acquaintance. I was expounding on my atheistic views . . . when the bombshell struck me full force! I was presented with an alternative explanation of the universe through the theories of Reincarnation and Karma! I rushed to the library and staggered home with 10 books on the subject. No halfway measures for me!

Unlike most occult aspirants who embrace the theory of Reincarnation lovingly at first introduction to this idea, I was filled with horror! For if the theories of Reincarnation and Karma were true . . . then I was trapped! The one idea that had comforted me . . . the idea of eternal sleep . . . extinction . . . no more pain . . . ever . . . this would not hold! If Reincarnation was a fact, then liberation from sorrow, fear, suffering, etc. could not come after just one death through simple oblivion. To be born over and over again? I DID NOT WANT THIS TO BE TRUE!!



But if it WERE true? Then I must find out! If it were true then I MUST KNOW! Nothing else mattered. I hoped to disprove it. But I HAD TO HAVE TRUTH! Nothing less would do.

And now, labelling myself as an Agnostic, I embarked on the strangest research ever undertaken. I undertook it with rigid scientific discipline every step of the way. I gave my entire life to this quest. What I experienced and how I conducted my spiritual researches, along with the verifications I required, I will relate to you in my further articles.

COURAGE

Courage, it would seem, is nothing less than the power to overcome danger, misfortune, fear, injustice, while continuing to affirm inwardly that life with all its sorrows is good; that everything is meaningful even if in a sense beyond our understanding; and that there is always tomorrow.—DOROTHY THOMPSON, *Nuggets.*

MAN

Each of us is made up of two parts —what we are and what we may become. Regardless of our age and station in life, these divisions remain with us. Our concern should be not so much with what we now are, but what under God we may become.

—WALLACE FRIDAY, *Meditations*

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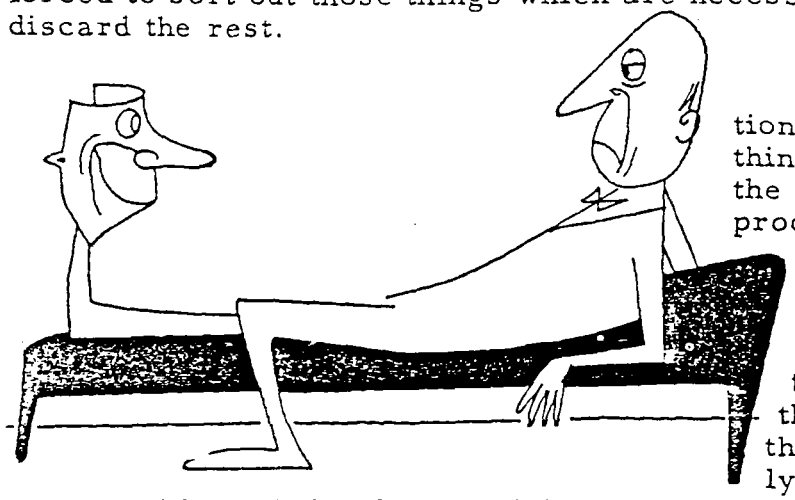
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WHAT IS THE CONTENT OF YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS?

by Ann Ryan, Staff Psychologist



Our subconsciousness could be likened to some women's handbags. They often carry in them a confusing combination of not only currently necessary items, but many other things that might later prove to be needful. This can, of course, lead to the use of larger and larger purses, until the poor woman finally ends up with one that is next to impossible to carry. When it reaches this point, she is forced to sort out those things which are necessary for daily use and discard the rest.



Cleaning out involves discrimination. It also involves the ability to place things in their proper relationship one to the other. In psychological parlance this process is called "the association of ideas". Freud based his theoretical constructs for the process, which was later known as "psychoanalysis", on this principle. In psychoanalysis the patient 'takes to the couch' and through an association of ideas pulls the material for use in the psychoanalytic process from his subconsciousness. With the help of the analyist, he explores this material. Every fixated idea, attitude and habit pattern must be brought to consciousness and evaluated. Negative responses must either be discarded or transmuted if analysis is to be successful.

The unworkable patterns are then replaced by constructive ideas and attitudes. These in turn become the building blocks for a 'new' personality. In practice then, successful analysis depends on the patient's ability to see what a fund of misinformation he has been hoarding. By beginning the process of cleaning out his 'purse of subconscious content', he lightens his psychic load. This in turn releases him from bondage to the patterns of past failures and frustrations. He may then direct his consciousness toward building more constructive modes of thinking and feeling. In other words, the patient puts his mental and emotional house in order so that events which are constructive to his total functioning can follow each other in logical sequence.



In Tarot Key No. 4, the Emporer symbolizes this need for mental and emotional order. Gaining orderliness in our affairs is an essential beginning to creating new life patterns. These are not really new; more accurately they are revised combinations — a new order or sequence of ideas. Carl Jung is considered by some to have given humanity a 'new' psychology. Einstein is often credited with having initiated a 'new' science; and Beethoven is said to have presented humanity with a 'new' music. None of these great men gave us anything really new. Each, looking over his own field of knowledge, chose that part which was relevant to the present and used it for an expansion of ideas built upon the foundation of the past. In other words, Jung, Einstein and Beethoven might be considered to be the personality geniuses through which the evolutionary process brought revised combinations of knowledge into being by an orderly process of discarding, transmuting and re-combining old patterns. This same process is essential to us for a future closer to our heart's desire. Like these great geniuses, we must begin sorting through previous knowledge, discarding (cont. on next page)

that which is no longer necessary, and using the remainder as a foundation for the future.

What is your answer to the Emporer going to be? Can you any longer afford to carry around the burden of past guilts and past failures? Why not let the Emperor perform the function of the analyst and guide you in your exploration of the subconscious recesses of your personality? Let him help you set your house in order. ✤

> We don't have psychoanalysis in Greece, you know. We are a poor people, so we have friends instead.
> Melina Mercouri

WE GET LETTERS . . .



Beloved in Light:

Greetings. While studying lessons 11 and 12 of 32 PATHS OF WISDOM, covering Paths 19 through 22, it suddenly dawned upon me that I had, in all Truth, been guided to the real Source of the Ancient Wisdom; guided to the True Fount, therefrom to drink the "Drink of Drinks"!

I have belonged to many, many, many orders, societies, fraternities, et al, which I thought or felt might be the Source, or one of the off-shoots of the Source. But after about a year, more or less, I found that they had absolutely nothing to offer. After approximately three years with B.O.T.A., I know I am now a part of one of the few True Occult Fraternities active in the western world. This evening I realized this beyond all doubt whatsoever! Before today, I was never thoroughly convinced, but I never gave up hope. Thanks be to God that I persisted. May God always love and protect all of you there.

Yours in Light, H.H., Pittsburg, Pa.

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Dear B.O.T.A.

I have finally been released from the military service, and it is certainly good to be home. Looking back over my experiences I can see where it must have been part of the Great Plan for me to be required to serve in the military. I have a tremendously increased comprehension of the world we live in and a much better and broader outlook on life. I know it was because of my years of Tarot study and training that I was able to withstand these trying and difficult experiences and that I matured greatly because of them, and I would not trade them for a million dollars. Please note my address change.

Very truly yours, D. C. J., N. J.

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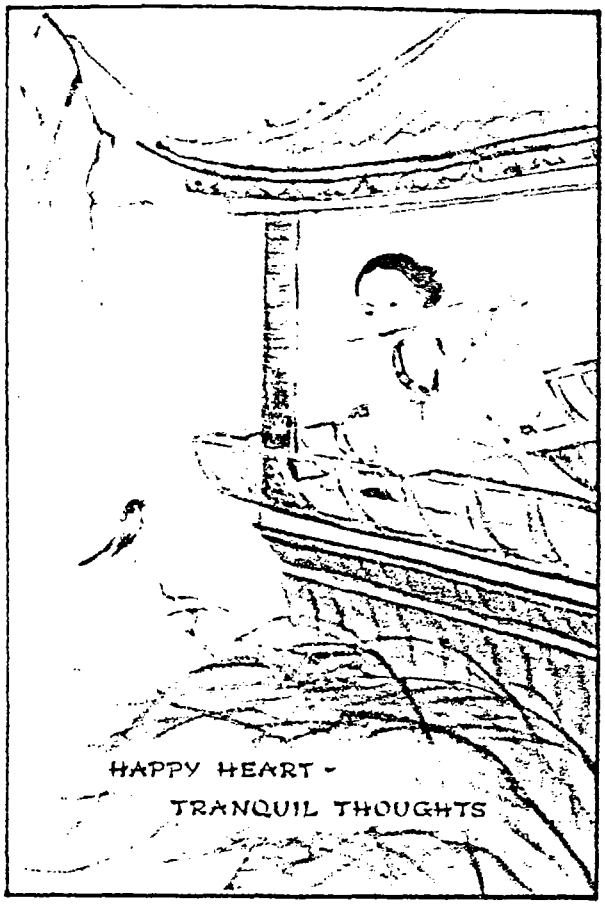
Dear Friends:

The ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES make your organization a living contact to the correspondent; it is filled with life and interest. With appreciation and good wishes.

Sincerely yours, C.C.K., Glendale, Calif.

"HE THAT IS OF A CHEERFUL HEART HATH A CONTINUAL FEAST"

by Harriet B. Case, Grand Cancellaria



Many of the letters we receive are from persons who want us to tell them specifically what they should do in some situation. Because we know that there is only one source of True Wisdom, only one sure guide to truth, we never give specific advice. We may state the principles that pertain to the solving or overcoming of the problem, but we always pray for light and inspiration for those persons who come to us for help, holding them in the radiant White Light of Kether. We instruct them to turn within to the God-Self which is the core of their heart and mind in prayer and meditation, and to be receptive to this Inner Guidance. Also, we often suggest one or more Tarot Keys for meditation.

It is important to remember that in God's great plan of good for the growth and evolution of humanity, all work is important and necessary. The situations we find ourselves in, the unpleasant as well as the pleasant (from the point of view of the personality), have their purpose in testing and training us in order that we may eventually become clear channels for the perfect manifestation of the 'Primal Will to Good'. The 14th Key symbolizes this testing and tempering process which all humanity has to pass through. Being truly part of God, a spark or ray of the whole Divine Consciousness, we are co-creators of all that happens to us mentally, emotionally and physically. Whatever the work that one has to do, it is essential to God's purpose and that of one's Higher Self, whether or not with our limited vision we can understand at the moment the reason for this experience.

It is therefore good to cultivate a cheerful heart and a positive, optimistic outlook on life. We are apt to forget that without saying a word, what we are thinking and feeling — in other words, our basic attitude — is constantly being projected to others. This same attitude will be reflected back to us. Because of this we are constantly creating the conditions we have to meet and cope with. Therefore it is wise and joy-giving to be optimistic, loving, compassionate and to keep in tune with the God-Self within. Jesus said: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness", and "The Kingdom of God is within".

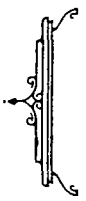
All of us have creative power. The difference in the way some of us produce lies in the way we use the powers and talents we have. Keep in mind that the Tarot Keys, through meditating on them. help unfold our latent qualities and powers. Energy increases through use. The more we draw on and apply our God-given power, the more energy we have. When we are working creatively, we never feel bored or tired. We work creatively when we work with the Cosmic Consciousness of which we are a part, when we call on these forces of our being and exert them. To be in tune is to be continually renewed, to go from strength to strength, (cont. on next page)

"CHEERFUL HEART – CONTINUAL FEAST" (Cont.)

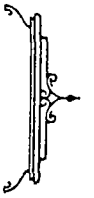
to "run and not be weary". It is important to remember that it is not we, the personality, that is doing the work, but the omnipotent, omnipresent, inexhaustible Life-Power working through us.

It is said that when Henry Ford asked his friend Thomas Edison to explain electricity, Mr. Edison replied: "Henry, electricity IS. Use it."

This inner power, love and wisdom IS. Use it!



Prayer for us is not the bending of God's will to ours, not asking favors as if He were a child's Santa Claus, but the opening of our spirits to God, so that we may understand his purposes. It is not asking God to change his world to suit our own selfish desires, nor giving God his orders for the day. It is not a lifeboat to be launched only in an emergency, not magic to get what we want. Prayer is essentially relating and adjusting ourselves to God and his purposes. "Prayer," as Tennyson put it, "is like opening a sluice gate between the great ocean and our little channels, when the sea gathers itself together and flows in at full tide." In its highest expression it is communion and fellowship with God: herein lies its chief value—the relationship itself.—WALLACE FRIDY, *Meditations*





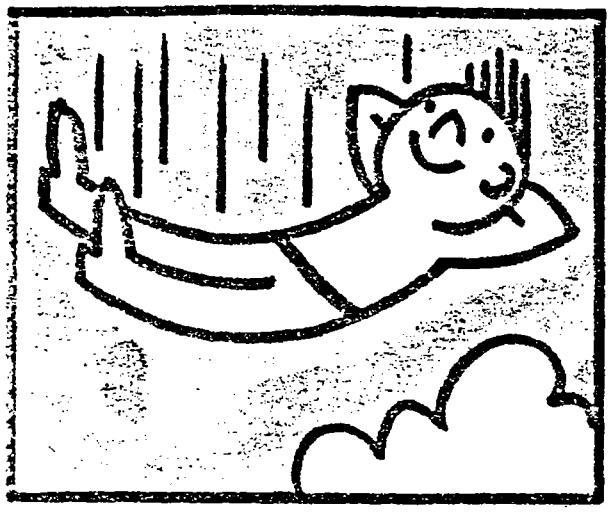
THE EFFECT OF PRONAOS PARTICIPATION



Lack of communication between self-conscious and sub-conscious states tends to short circuit our energies and is one of the greatest stumbling blocks for occult students. One of the most effective methods for establishing this desirable communication is through the symbolism of Pronaos ritual. The forces invoked by the group are directed toward balance and understanding throughout the personality.

THE FEAR AND MOMENT OF DEATH

by Felix J. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor



We all cross the River Jordan sooner or later, and the fear of this crossing, expressed or latent, is present in most people. Leaving the familiar scenes of life; separating from loved ones; nebulous notions of a possible hereafter; or maybe total extinction . . . . these certainly are disquieting thoughts, and most people entertain them in greater or lesser degree. Belief in an after-life and reunion with those who have gone before runs like a golden thread through our various religions and metaphysical teachings. This is also true of scientific psychic research where proof is sometimes very direct and often can be discerned by implication.

But despite these assurances, the ordeal remains . . . often for the person not far from the Great Divide, and always for those left behind. What many people do not know, however, is that this panic, fear, apprehension, in whatever degree it may show itself, passes away when the time of transition (i.e. moment of death) for the individual arrives. To be specific, when the person believes that death is near and all hope is lost, the fear of death leaves, in nearly all cases, and a calm tranquility prevails.

A prison warden, who had conducted many men and a few women along the last mile to the little green room, once told me that while some hope of a reprieve still remained, the condemned person usually showed fear and anxiety; but when all hope of reprieve had vanished and the last mile lay immediately ahead, they usually went to their death quietly and calmly.

I personally can vouch for this fearless aspect, or take-over, when death seems imminent. Leading a party of mountain climbers across a glacier at the foot of the Matterhorn, I found myself partway down a deep crevass, hanging to my ice ax and a precarious footing for support. Ice water was dripping down my neck. I fully believed rescue was impossible, and that I was about to die a falling and wedging death in the closing ice below. This is certainly not a pleasant way to die, yet after my rescue I suddenly realized that I had felt absolutely no fear. As an early airplane pilot, and later in law enforcement, I have several times felt fear. You see, death did not seem entirely inescapable. I have before me a whole sheaf of near-falling and near-drowning experiences, and in each case the victim later stated that he had felt no fear in the supposed last moments.



Indeed, most doctors will tell you that in death from natural causes, fear is seldom experienced at the end. Sir William Osler, the great physician and kindly philosopher, kept careful records of some five hundred patients when they neared their end. Only two felt terror, and these were tragically conditioned with hell-fire dogmas and charged with guilt complexes. Several similar reports are in the record.

In such circumstances, there is a most interesting phenomenon which occurs in many cases. The entire panorama of the life about to end, (cont. on next page)

even if it does not always end, passes in review before the individual in question. This seemingly happens in a few seconds and is most complete, even to details apparently forgotten. An interesting feature of this review is its impartial and unemotional nature. Metaphysicians will tell you that it is the Higher Self showing the lower self all about itself. Time seems not to be an element – which is also true of many psychic phenomena – since it all happens in a flash or near flash. "Memory spread back to my earliest years." "All the events of my life seemed to whirl around me." And we read many more such statements in the record.

While I am attempting no proof of survival in this short article, it is pertinent to add that we have a great number of communications from alleged discarnates to the effect that all past memories of acts and thoughts surround the individual, enmeshed in his aura, so to speak. Having had considerable experience in sound recording, and some in video, I have always had my doubts that human memory was a function of, or engraved in, the physical brain cells. I incline more to the view, which possibly you may share with me, that memory is exclusively contained in that part of the human ego which we call immortal. How else explain the Patience Worth automatic writings and other memory-exposing supposed discarnate communications? Were memories solely contained in the material brain, then death followed by decay or cremation would surely extinguish them.

Another phenomenon connected with death, or near death, from accidents is the departure of pain and physical suffering as the accident impacts on the human body. My late colleague, Dr. Hereward Carrington, records the case of a man who fell from a mountainside and later noted that he did not feel the impacts of his body as it bounced off rocks. This is particularly true in near-drowning experiences where the pangs of suffocation might logically be expected, but which are seldom if ever experienced.

Remember, we are talking about the moment of death, which can be short in some cases, and longer in others. The belief that this is it nearly always has an analgesic effect on the victim, even if he later survives. The above observations, which are empirical and not deductive or dogmatic, may explain the extreme stoicism and apparent heroism of the early Christian martyrs who died under torture. Possibly you, or someone close to you, may have had similar experiences to those related above.

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And then there was the woman who told her husband, "Be an angel and let me drive." He did and he is.

One thing a speaker should remember for sure: the mind can absorb only what the seat can endure.

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A CASE HISTORY FROM OUR FILES

Jan. 15, 1966

Dear B.O.T.A.



My problem has to do with my sixteen year old son. I just cannot understand what has come over him. He was always such a good natured, obedient child, but lately he has become almost unbearable. He argues with both his father and myself continuously and seems to be in a general rebellion against everything. It has almost come to the point where if I say something is black, he insists it is white. He considers anything his father or I believe in as old fashioned and stupid. I am at my wits end on how to handle him. Actually he doesn't seem to know what he wants himself. Sometimes he comes to me for warmth and understanding as he used to do, but if I offer it, he is immediately outraged and accuses me of treating him like a child. At the same time he expects us to give him everything he asks for as his due. After all, don't all the other teenagers have it? To keep some kind of peace, and because we do like to see him happy, we usually give in, but I do feel wrong about this sometimes. Of course, I realize that this is a difficult age and that parents must treat adolescents with patience and understanding; but what about the poor parents? How do we manage to live through it? Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated.



A.B.

Jan. 21, 1966

Dear A. B.



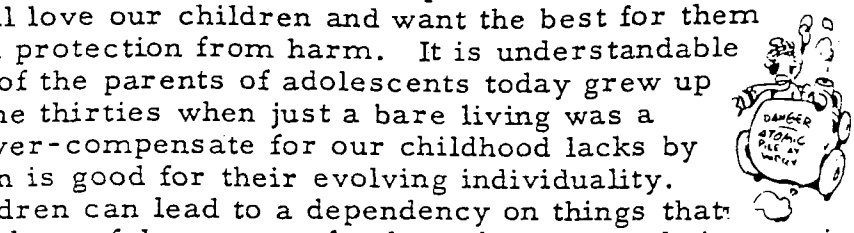
First of all, let us state that you have our greatest sympathy, and I'm sure that of all parents of teenage children. Let's face it — adolescents are difficult! They do try one's soul! But since our children inevitably pass through this age on the way to becoming adults, our only hope is to try to understand this bewildering phenomena a little better.

Adolescence is a transitional period in the emotional development of man. At this age he is torn between holding on to the securities of childhood and the need to seek his own individuality. It is quite normal for teenagers to rebel against the patterns of thinking and feeling connected with authority. Naturally the parents are the main target of this rebellion. In seeking individuality the teenager has a need to express his own ideas of right and wrong; his own ideas of worth. Therefore the very fact that a parent holds to a certain pattern of action or value is enough to cause him to discard it — at least for a time. Actually if a child does not go through this rebellion period, he often remains a dependent adult, unable to face the responsibilities of life. It is truly a necessary emotional development.



If you can see this need and this pattern, I think it will be easier for you. The individuality is taking a tremendous impetus under the surge of extra glandular activity. It is important to give them a certain amount of freedom and a lot of understanding, but this does not mean pampering. Nothing is more (cont. on next page)

deadly to the evolution of the emotional life than too much protection and too many unearned luxuries. I know we all love our children and want the best for them in both material possessions and protection from harm. It is understandable especially at this period. Most of the parents of adolescents today grew up during the depression years of the thirties when just a bare living was a constant problem. We tend to over-compensate for our childhood lacks by giving our children far more than is good for their evolving individuality. This age of over-pampering children can lead to a dependency on things that destroys creative imagination and to a false sense of values that warps their growing adult responses.





Use Key No. 16, The Tower, as a meditational symbol to help you understand, or should I say recall, the awakening force that is driving your son to rebellion and driving you mad in consequence. It seems to be destructive as it first awakens, but as he matures and brings this dynamic force more under conscious control, he will actually start admiring his parents again. If we will try to remember when we were that age (I know it is difficult, for none of us could ever be convinced that we were quite so unruly!), we may discover that we, too, thought our parents were stupid for a time and were amazed to discover that they actually had regained some intelligence when we moved on into the twenties. Use Key No. 15 to retain your sense of humor. That incongruous figure symbolizes the appearances that blind us to the deeper perceptions of reality which can awaken us to the larger picture. After all, our parents managed to live through it, so we probably will too! Good luck.



Soror A

Feb. 12, 1966

Dear Soror A:



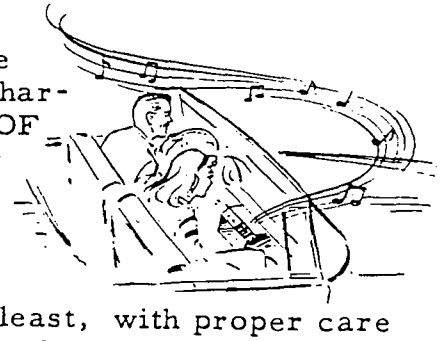


Thank you for your enlightening letter on "Life with an adolescent". It really did help to have you point out that rebellion is necessary and the result of an awakening energy. However, we used Key No. 16 to help us rebel against the rebellion of our rebellious teenager. Now he is using some of that energy painting the house, tending the yard, keeping his room clean and ironing his own shirts. How did we accomplish this? Simple. No work — no pampering! He is so used to the modern day luxuries that he is actually willing to work for them rather than give them up. Thanks again.

A. B.

Feb. 21, 1966

Dear A. B.:



Congratulations on your discovery. Teenagers are willing to work, period! I think you should be appointed charter members of our brilliant new organization PARENTS OF THE WORLD, UNITE!, with the slogans, "You have nothing to regain but your sanity", and "Let's give the world back to the adults". Other parents may have discovered similar hidden weaknesses that we can use to tame the adversary. They might even start making TV programs and movies and writing songs for us again. Last, but not least, with proper care adolescents might turn out almost as good as we are. Together we survive!

It is quite understandable that teenagers should be rebelling; but why must they be revolting?

While money isn't everything, it does keep you in touch with your children.

DR. ANN DAVIES SPEAKS

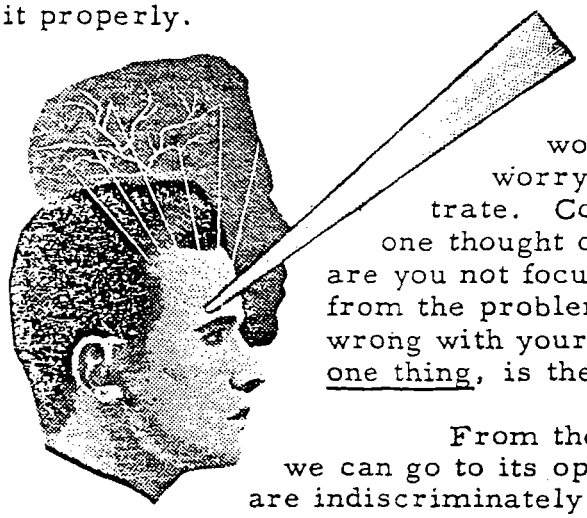
[Editor's note: ☛ The articles in this department are based on selected excerpts from the transcriptions of class lectures given at the Temple by our cherished Spiritual Director, Ann Davies. With this issue we start a three part series about Meditation.]

THE ART OF MEDITATION

Part I - Truth and Fallacies



Meditation as such is something that seems to confuse many people. Tarot Key No. 17, called the Star, symbolizes this phase of occult activity. Many of you have written to us saying, "I really do not know how to meditate", or "I don't know how to concentrate". Others have said, "I don't understand what meditation really means". Some people think they know what it means, but do not know how to practice it properly.



When these questions arise, I always ask, "Do you know how to worry?" If you can worry — and who has failed to be a genius at worrying — then certainly you know how to concentrate. Concentration, in itself, means being focused on one thought or idea. Just focused! When you are worried, are you not focused? You try to tear your heart and mind away from the problem, but to no avail. Therefore, there is nothing wrong with your ability to keep your consciousness focused on <u>one thing</u>, is there?

From the concentration inherent in the act of worrying, we can go to its opposite aspect. We do have those, of course, who are indiscriminately optimistic. They are so determined to be optimistic that they do not concentrate on any situation. They refuse to look at reality in the here and now. Consequently, their actions are ineffective. This refusal to really look at a situation means lack of concentration on the problems life presents to all of us. Thus they never really accomplish anything. Extremes in any direction rarely lead to good results. Within the framework of cycles we all have many, many problems. Those who refuse to look or concentrate on the situation at hand, who insist on saying, "All is going to work out all right all by itself", usually end up in even more trouble than the ones who make a real profession out of worrying about everything. People who are in "hot water" quite consistently usually follow one of these two extremes.



Tarot Key No. 1, the Magician, is the symbolic representation of concentration. Concentration, in itself, is the POWER OF ATTENTION. The power of Attention is focusing on one particular something. It could be a thought, an action, a condition, or an object. When we are anticipating, whether it is something happy or not happy, we are concentrating. It involves the ability to hold the attention adamantly on <u>one idea</u>. However, just realizing that we must learn how to give attention to whatever we are doing is not enough. We find that when we attempt to concentrate on something that does not interest us, our attention goes wandering off in all directions because that idea is not absorbing enough to us. You can fight with yourself incessantly, but you will not (continued on next page)

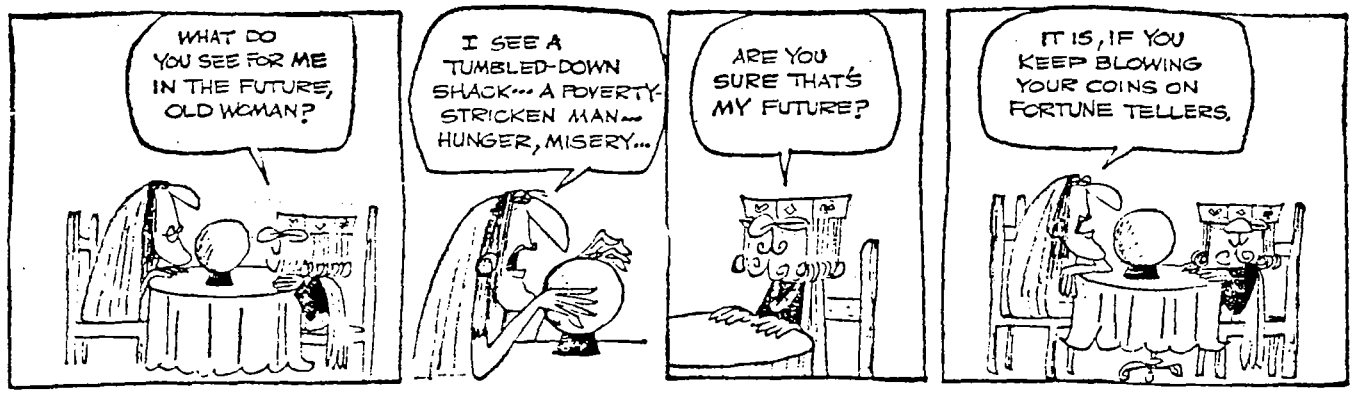
succeed in getting your power of attention concentrated in any area that does not interest you. The mind, the consciousness, the concentration, automatically floats down into its areas of interest.

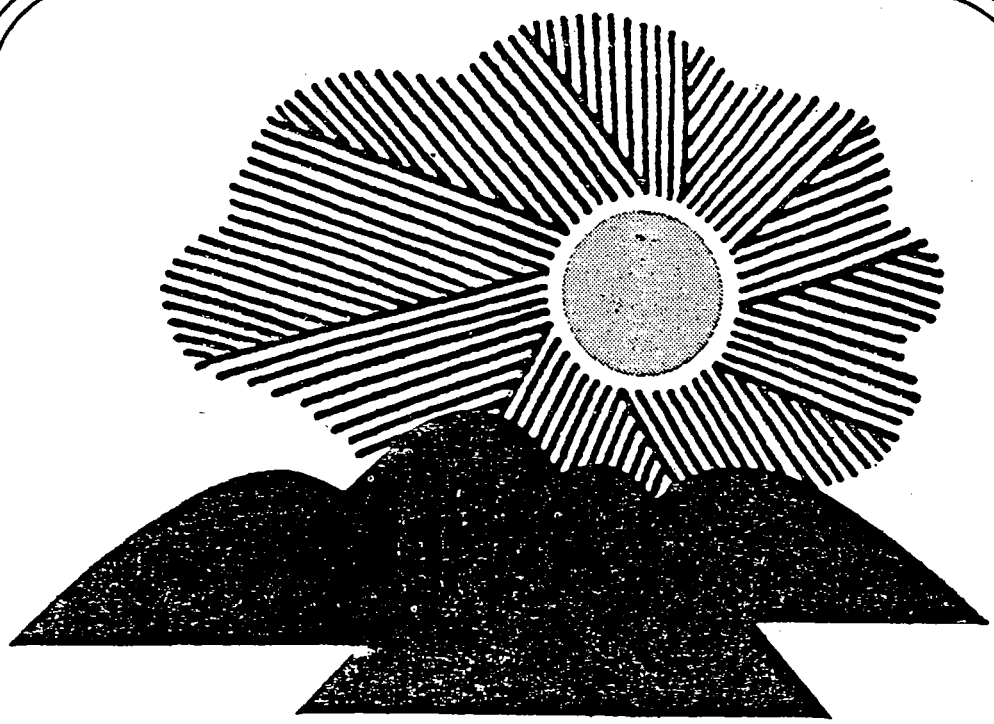
Therefore, to develop concentration you must pick something that interests you to concentrate on, not some abstract idea as is taught in some Eastern methods. These Eastern methods can lead to much discouragement and bewilderment. The Qabalistic method is to use Tarot symbolism to aid in development of concentration and the ability to understand consciousness and its powers. These pictorial symbols represent definite aspects of consciousness that we all possess latently and thus aid us in developing these powers. The Tarot Keys were brought into manifestation by those who knew and understood these forces. If we want to learn how to keep our attention focused in the area in which we really want it to be focused, we must utilize some method that will hold our attention and stir our emotions.

Please bear in mind that interest is the emotional side of consciousness — INTEREST! If you are interested in something, you care about it. If you are interested in somebody, it is because you care. Whatever you want to know about, that want is caring. You are excited about it. This is power. Concentration, as such, will go only where we care or because we care about the outcome. We have a need to know and therefore our consciousness concentrates itself down. Consciousness works in terms of pictorial imagery. There isn't anything you think, or feel, that doesn't have a certain kind of pictorial imagery involved. Along with this pictorial imagery, there is emotion. Some people think of emotion as an unevolved expression of consciousness that must be overcome. This is an erroneous belief. Those who do not have emotions are monsters. Love is an aspect of emotion. Curiosity is an aspect of emotion. Hurt is an aspect of emotion. Fulfillment, joy, satisfaction — all of these are aspects of emotion. There is no amount of mental concentration as such that can be divorced from the feeling area. We must develop these feeling levels in order to charge consciousness with the power to concentrate. This power is caring. We never have any trouble at all in concentrating on someone with whom we are in love. It happens by itself, doesn't it?

Attention to, or concentration on anything, therefore, is not an intellectual process alone. This is the big mistake that has been made by people who make a god of the intellect and disparage the feeling and emotional side of life. Therefore, bear in mind that you cannot pay attention to anything unless you are interested, and if you are interested it is because you have an emotional feeling about it.

In the next issue we will take up the difference between concentration and meditation, or how to extend concentration into meditation.





IN DEDICATION TO THE ORDER

When nothing availed in the human realm, I spoke
to the Endless Sea
With a voice that echoed in the Infinite Space —
My Mother, Thou art me!

I stood in the storm at a barren shore; all efforts
had been undone.
I had nothing left but a mantle of black — clasped
by a blazing Sun.

And slowly my right arm reached up to the heights
of the Veils of the Limitless Light.
The left flung the symbols out into the Sea — with
power and with might.

The storm ceased abruptly — there was the calm
which only the Light bestows,
And at my feet, by the side of the Sea, bloomed a
Lily and a Rose.

— Fellow Builder, Christine Porter

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Editor's note:- Due to many requests from our members and friends about the mystical experiences of our Prolocutor General, Ann Davies, she some time ago consented to share with you some of her fourth dimensional awarenesses, which started in her early childhood. This series portrays [illegible] which underlies physical manifestation.

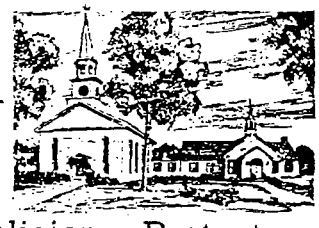


MY MYSTICAL UNIVERSE

(Part XI - Is There A God?)

By Ann Davies, Prolocutor General

What is an agnostic? As I approached my twenty-fifth birthday, I would have answered this question thus: "An agnostic is one who neither believes nor disbelieves in God. He acknowledges that he does not know whether there is a God or not."



In my early teens I had studied contemporary religion in an attempt to find out why every church was so dogmatically certain that only it had the true road to heaven and salvation. I even enrolled myself in four Sunday Schools (Saturdays and Sundays) of various faiths. These included Catholicism, Protestantism, Judaism, and Christian Science. In my late teens I went on to the philosophers, searching for answers to the riddle of the universe. But finding only intellectual gymnastics, I came out from the same door wherein I had entered. Then the unanswered and burning questions of injustice and pain tore away even my faith in a benevolent Deity, and I studied everything I could to reinforce and scientifically verify my three year atheistic phase. The only benevolent thing I could see in the universe was the inevitable extinction of consciousness. Eternal sleep. Eventual death . . . obliteration of pain into infinite nothingness. At least, one had this to look to for comfort!

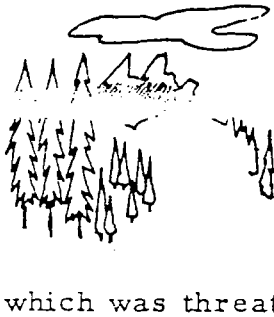
But what if the theories of Reincarnation and Karma (which I had just started to study) were true? Then Justice would have to be re-enthroned in my concept of the universe. Nor could pain be escaped so easily as by just simply . . . dying? And this would pre-suppose a God who created, sustained and guided the evolution of Life!

At twenty-five years of age, now an acknowledged agnostic, I sat down and carefully mapped out my plan of research into these soul-shaking questions. With the usual egotism of Youth, I thought that it was my own superlative mentality guiding me on my quest. Little did I know that my entire Incarnation had been guided from Higher Levels as I went from test to test, and that now the (continued on next page)

time was approaching for me to be prepared for Conscious participation in the Evolution of Humanity.



So I sat and plotted my course. First, I decided I must find out what experts had to say about Eastern and Western Mysticism, Occultism and related subjects, both pro and con. I would be satisfied with nothing but TRUTH! REALITY! I would not be a leaf tossed on the wind of the missionary spirit of others. I would do a careful research on what experts had to say regarding these subjects, but I would neither accept nor reject their findings until I had found a way to either verify or disprove Occultism in general.



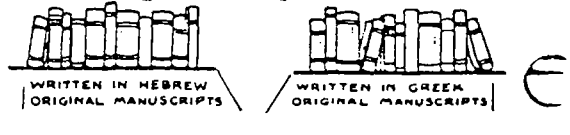
I did not have to withdraw to a hermitage or cave, a mountaintop or desert to discover the Miracle of Eternity. My tiny two-room apartment in the poorest section of Los Angeles was my hermitage . . . my isolated cave, where I continued to care for my one year old baby girl. My complete mental and emotional immersion in a burning search for TRUTH was my mountaintop which was ever with me. Yes, even during my twice-weekly trips to the hospital clinic, where I underwent extraordinarily painful treatments for the lung abscess which was threatening my life, I could not be bothered with paying too much attention to bodily discomfort. I had more important things to do with my consciousness. (Later I was amused to discover that some Mystics deliberately torture their physical bodies in order to train their consciousness to function above and beyond it!)



I even became indifferent to my lameness (which the illness at the age of twenty-one had left with me) as I staggered home from the library every two weeks, carrying ten books and a baby in my arms. Day and night . . . night and day, I lived but for one thing. My all-consuming, passionate quest for Reality. Nothing else mattered. With a book before me every possible waking moment, I proceeded to thoroughly acquaint myself with the excellent facilities of the Los Angeles Public Library. From the very beginning I became aware of a strange Inner Guidance in my apparently random choice of books on occult subjects. But my extreme skepticism was a tough nut to crack. So with the intellectual pride so common to those of my tender age, I congratulated myself on my superlative discriminatory abilities. I read, I studied, I analyzed, I weighed and measured the teachings of the different mystical and occult schools of thought. I compared one with another, sought out their differences, as well as their areas of agreement. I examined their different techniques of concentration and meditation without attempting . . . as yet . . . to follow any particular method.



As I look back from my present vantage point of direct and unmistakable participation in the Eternal Spiritual Verities, I marvel at the fact that I did not rush in where Angels fear to tread at that point of my researches. I WAS NOT IN A HURRY! Why? Because an absolute, desperate and grim determination to know the Realities as against the illusions and delusions of mind and heart had taken complete and unalterable possession of me. I was already travelling the Path of Return to God and realized that I could not risk taking a wrong turn. So I remained where I was, empty of belief in anything, but scouting the territories and examining the maps as described in the books and writings of those who claimed to have achieved Illumination, Cosmic Consciousness, Union with God, etc. (continued on next page)



MY MYSTICAL UNIVERSE (Cont.)

About two years and almost 200 books later, I noticed that I had, in the process of my research, already attained to an extraordinary self-objectivity. I discovered that I could watch my thoughts and emotions with such clarity that self-delusion would be nigh impossible. I was ready, then, to try my first formal meditation.



What should my first question be? The question upon which I was prepared to meditate, for a lifetime if necessary? There was no hesitation here! All of my future researches into Mysticism and Occultism rested upon whether or not I could find an answer to this most burning, all-consuming question of all.

IS THERE A GOD?

[illegible] and the unexpected form in which the answer to my question came.

A MESSAGE OF IMPORTANCE

• • • • • about your ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES

Dr. Ann Davies recently has been receiving new material from the Master R at a vastly accelerated rate, and our personnel has been putting in much overtime intensively transcribing this into new and advanced correspondence courses, which are being made available to you as you reach that point in your studies. This use of time, personnel and funds has made it necessary to switch publication of the ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES from a quarterly to a semi-annual periodical, starting with this issue.

JUST A LITTLE NONSENSE . . . .

Vitamin-pill salesman to little boy answering the door: "Hello, sonny. Is your mother all in?"

Rona Greer

Small boy to girl: "If I sit across from you at the table, does that mean I'm the opposite sex?"

Tom H. Miles

There's a new dish for hypochondriacs. It's called misfortune cookies.

Irene Kuo

There is only one beautiful child in the world—and every mother has it.

"Parts Pups"



One mother was overheard telling another that her son had an Oedipus complex. The other said, "So what? As long as he loves you!"

Bennett Cerf

Perhaps it's only coincidence, but man's best friend can't talk.

Jimmy Cannon

And have you heard about the little boy who listened to the preacher say: "Man came from dust and returns to dust." After he got home, he happened to look under his bed and called out excitedly: "Mama, there's somebody either coming or going under here!"

THE PATH

by Harriet B. Case, Grand Cancellaria



Many aspirants, particularly those who have had a glimpse of the Light, are eager of heart and anxious to progress as rapidly as possible. They want to "rush the gates of heaven", so to speak. It is fine to have enthusiasm and perseverance, but there can be no rushing forward on the path of spiritual enlightenment because the lessons, which affect every plane of man's being, must be thoroughly learned. In astrological terms we can refer to these lessons as having to do with the four elements: earth, air, water and fire. This is also true Qabalistically in regard to the Sephiroth below the Supernal Triad on the Tree of Life. It is rare that any individual can master in one lifetime or incarnation any one of these elements or sphere of activity on the Tree.

On the physical plane we are subject to the limitations of time. Saturn, the planet of limitation not only of time but of form, is a hard taskmaster who holds us back timewise, who restricts our actions and forces us to learn our lessons thoroughly. This is very difficult, because youth and beginners of all kinds are impatient. However, as one grows older in experience one comes to look upon the Saturn influence as a wise, friendly and needed teacher, slowly but steadily helping one to lay a firm foundation in preparation for the time of Initiation, which will bring not only a great expansion of consciousness, but increased power. Now power can be used destructively as well as constructively. The right use of power is one of the greatest tests along the way of return. Therefore we should never try to force spiritual advancement, for by so doing we can destroy the progress we have already made. It would be like trying to force open a rosebud. One only succeeds in demolishing the rose, which had it been given time to open naturally would have become a beautiful and fragrant bloom.

Each major Initiation has to do with one of the four elements, and the soul of man has to pass through these tests of earth, air, water and fire and try to have a feeling of communion or brotherhood with the elementals, nature spirits and angels that have to do with the forces active on these planes or spheres. Man, the Initiate, while on earth starts to learn consciously to control these elements within his own character. He learns to cooperate with them through love and understanding; and at the same time he develops the mental and spiritual power within himself to master all his bodies — etheric, astral (emotional), lower and higher mental, as well as physical. They all must be purified and strengthened. In the course of his progress man must develop expansion of consciousness . . . a true understanding of Brotherhood with all life and people, not just lip service to this ideal. He must express as second nature kindliness, compassion, humility and Love combined with wisdom. Love is the key to all, for as St. Paul said: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and Angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal."

This steadfast progress up the Tree of Life, (continued on next page)

encompassing the unfoldment and mastery by Spirit (the Higher Self) of latent powers and qualities takes time, in fact, many incarnations. But do not be discouraged, because once we truly desire to start upon the Path (or Paths) of Return, we can never turn back. The Higher Self guides us step by step all the way, and as each sacred chakra or center is opened up, the Light radiates forth to help others on the way. Perseverance, Steadfastness and Love are the three key words in this endeavor. "Be of good cheer, for lo I am always with you."

"I am the revealer of all mysteries.
None other is the Teacher of any man.

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"To-day thou mayest reject me.

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Yet it shall be that my Voice
Shall go with thee henceforth forever.
When thou sleepest it shall instruct three,
And even when thou art busiest with the affairs of daily life,
It shall ring suddenly in thine inner ear."

From the Book of Tokens,
Meditation on Key 5, Vav.

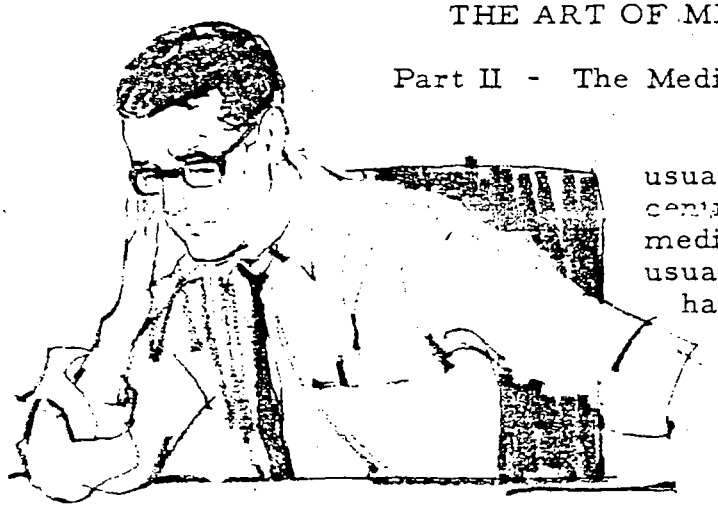
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DR. ANN DAVIES SPEAKS

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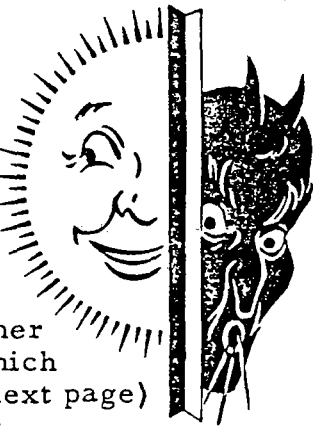
THE ART OF MEDITATION

Part II - The Meditative Process



We all know how to meditate, but usually not in a constructive manner. Concentration is not exactly the same thing as meditation, but the difference is not what we usually have been told. Concentration is one half of meditation, or perhaps we should say that concentration is a vital portion of meditation. But meditation is more than concentration. The secret lies in first understanding concentration. Referring to Part I (A.N.N. April issue), we saw that our ability to worry means we know how to concentrate. When you worry you focus your attention to one point or area. This is concentration. Then the consciousness goes round and round gathering data and deciding what it is to worry about in terms of what might happen. This is meditation.

Meditation is creative. It uses concentration as its focal point. You are being creatively meditative when you worry about whatever you are focusing your attention upon. The hypochondriac in his mind dies of more diseases than you could possibly catch in several incarnations. That is a tragic state of consciousness. Nevertheless it serves as an example of a very potent state of meditation. The hypochondriac concentrates on the physical body, and then the consciousness goes round and round hunting for something to get very upset about and finally decides on some illness that will surely end in death. All of us have had some experiences in this type of negative meditation. Remember, then, if you have been able to worry, you know how to meditate. The meditative principle is attention focusing in a specific mapped-out area, followed by this image-making faculty actively creating and reaching for certain answers. We often proceed to have the problems we worry about because we have done such an excellent job of meditating. When we meditate properly, we create all things.



The reason that we do not usually recognize this cause and effect process is because of the incarnational principle. Much of our present experience had its origin in a meditative process originating in a previous incarnation. Some people feel this is unjust because they do not remember the causes, but the soul has no concept of time or space. It is beginningless, endless evolution; a waking up and going to sleep; waking up and going to sleep. Do you feel discriminated against when you go to sleep and then wake up the next morning to take up either your sighs and sorrows or your hopes and joys, depending on which you decide to focus upon? In the reincarnational (continued on next page)

aspect of evolution the same principle works. We rest awhile and then 'live out' our meditational creations.

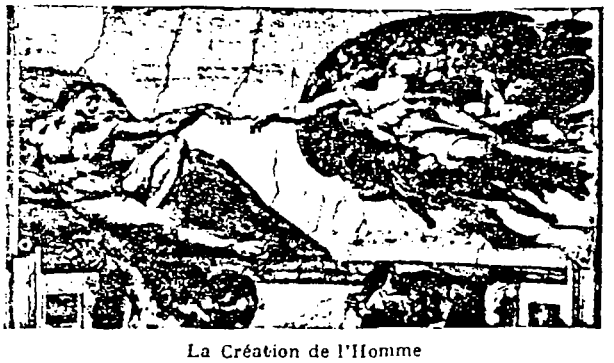
As you can see, we really do not have to learn how to meditate any more than we have to learn how to concentrate. What we do have to learn is how to meditate constructively. Elementary metaphysics does not have the answer. The elementary method is similar to the people who are determined to be Pollyannas, refusing to really look at any problem. We must first learn to detect the creative process at work in our lives. It will show us that we, ourselves, create all our failures and unhappy states, as well as our joys and successes.



To reiterate, the meditative principle combines concentration and attention on a special area, with a scanning of the consciousness back and forth, round and round, creating images and charging them with emotion. We all know that an emotional force gets easily tied up with an image. This image — whatever it is — that the emotional force gets involved with is really the meditative principle. You concentrate on an image and charge that image with emotional force. If you are meditating on a lack, for instance, you are expecting that lack to continue. If you can understand this process you will have comprehended the meditative state, and you will see the necessity for using this power in constructive imagery only.

Once you really incorporate into your consciousness the idea that you are the WAY the creative principle works to bring tomorrow into manifestation; once you truly realize that whatever it is you ARE today is what you have charged meditationally from the past; then you should be able to start using meditational power consciously and constructively instead of letting your consciousness fall into the traps of negative creation. How do we use our meditative, creative principles consciously? Well, we have been using it all along. But we must recognize that we have this power and endeavor to focus our attention only on ideas and forms that we want to bring to realization. We forget the way that we have poured emotions, whether positive or negative into images. We forget how our fears and terrors have been authors to our problems. We even forget how our hopes and yearnings have lead to our joys and successes. Bear in mind then that you are meditating ALL THE TIME. Every time you hold an image that has emotions behind it, you are using the meditative principle. See that you use it constructively.

Part III - The Higher Meditational Process



La Création de l'Homme
Michel-Ange, Chapelle Sixtine, 1508-1512.

We are now ready to take up formal meditation for spiritual guidance. In formal meditation we are attempting to tune in on the higher states of conscious knowledge. Tarot is one of the most effective methods for developing this ability to participate in the consciousness of higher levels of awareness than that on which we usually function. When we decide to practice the true occult meditation it involves a decision to hold a specific image. Remember, though, even in this type of meditation it is useless to (continued on next page)

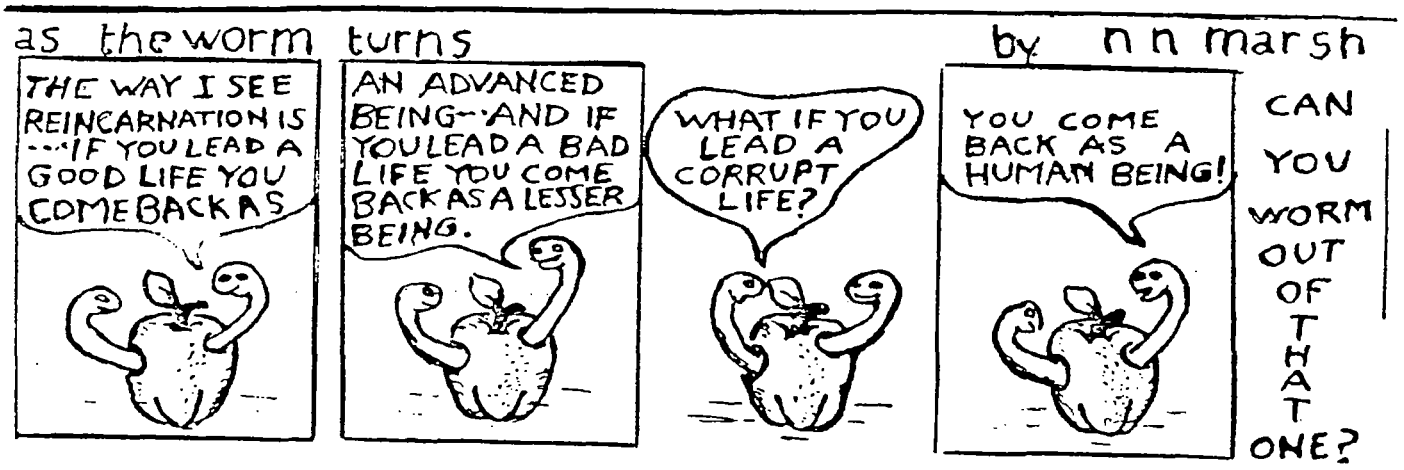
decide to hold an image you are not interested in. You have to care. You have to want to know all about the image. Tarot helps build this want in a positive manner. We, as aspirants, have reached a point where we can and should hold our minds and hearts in the meditative state almost continuously — scanning for the awareness of the truth behind every appearance that presents itself to us in our environment. In higher meditation our consciousness opens itself up like a cup — receptive to "that which is above". Remember, though, when you meditate for this type of spiritual guidance you must have some specific phase or question that you really care about. Perhaps you want to know more about the meaning of the symbolism of a certain Tarot Key. Ask a definite question! Asking a question with a strong desire for an answer gathers forces together around that particular phase of knowledge. The Higher Meditational form is a collecting of all our feelings and thoughts in a yearning upwards — a yearning question mark. It is a call to the Higher Self for the unveiling of some particular principle of truth. After making our call and holding a symbolic image we must be quiet and wait expectantly for the answer, holding the mind constantly on that image and related question without wavering.



Seeker

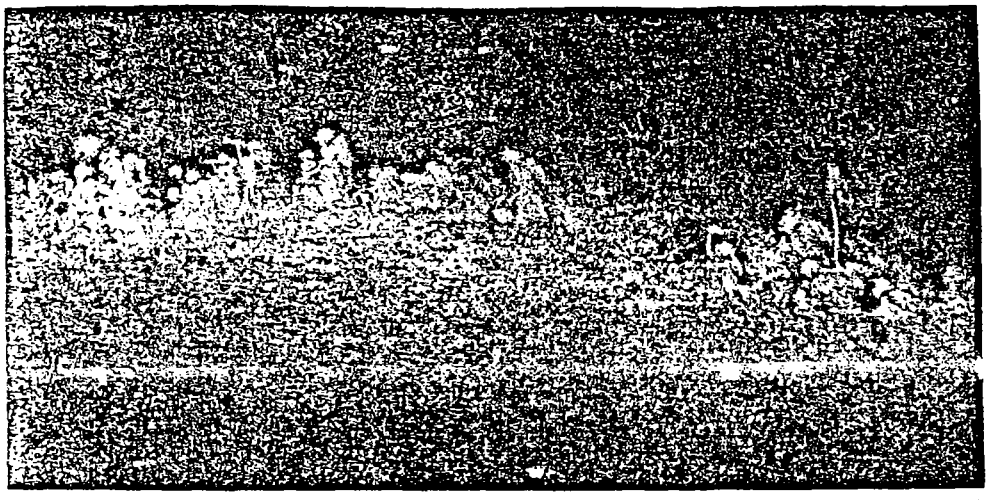
This type of meditation should include a desire to expand one's heart and soul outward in order to receive back from the ALL the knowledge that the personality is guided always, no matter what the outer circumstances. In this process the conscious mind is circumscribed — the field of observation is limited in extent. Thus the whole force of attention is brought to bear on the object of thought or image which has been chosen as the focal point. Pantanjali defines this as "an unbroken flow of knowledge in a particular object". This is close, continued thought . . . a dwelling on one central idea. In successful meditation the associative process is limited, always related to the central theme.

This type of meditation has definite physical consequences. The stillness required helps to attune the body rhythms to the greater rhythm of the Cosmic Order. The seven major whorls of force in the body — called Chakras by the Yogas, and Holy Planets by the Alchemists — are activated and their balance and synchronization is aided by concentrated thought. Actually, we ourselves do not meditate. This is somewhat of a misnomer. We participate in the eternal cosmic meditation. With Tarot as the basis we make no attempt to concentrate directly on body centers — nor do we recommend the use of any trick breathings. Tarot contemplation and deep even breathing are the beginnings of the way to find yourself participating in this eternal cosmic meditation. You will then realize that you do not meditate. You are meditated.



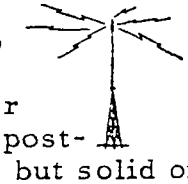
ENVIRONMENTAL APPEARANCES HERE AND HEREAFTER

by Felix F. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor

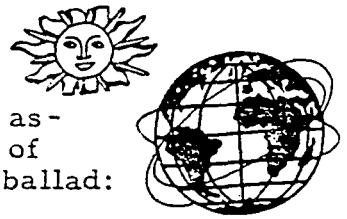


In our last issue, I penned a few lines about fear and the moment of death. The next logical step in overcoming the fear of death is overcoming the fear of a possible total extinction. This, in most people, entails the establishment in both our consciousness and emotions of a belief and philosophical acceptance of survival . . . i.e., the retention of consciousness and memory in a post-death form of existence. To the honest skeptic, this is a big dose to swallow at one gulp. Indeed, survival is the most portentious concept which has ever occupied the mind of man. It is so momentous and important that regardless of the many proofs of survival which abound in the scientific psychic research record, it is well to prepare the mind, prior to proofs, to a situation in which the seemingly impossible, in the light of other facts, will not seem so impossible after all.

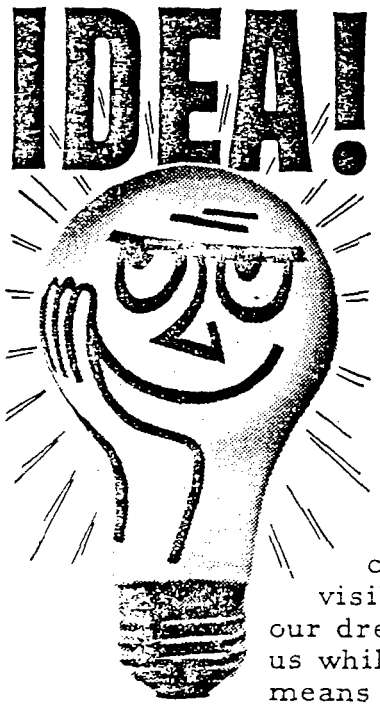
If consciousness and memory, namely the ego or personality, continue to exist after death, we must suppose some sort of environmental conditions for this existence. But first of all, just what has science told us about our current physical environment? Modern science has established many facts about the physical plane on which our present consciousness resides which were not known a generation or two ago. Matter seems very real and solid to us, but our scientists tell us that it is not as solid as it looks and feels. For instance, if all the spaces between the matter of our bodies were eliminated by compression, we would shrink to the size of a pinhead. Even this may be a gross exaggeration. Particles . . . I should prefer to call them somethings . . . have been recently found to exist which have exceedingly tiny diameters, if indeed diameter is a concept which can be applied to them. They could pass through lead many light years in thickness without ever colliding with a lead atom. This is analogous to the notion that a missile could be fired straight out into space and travel millions and billions of miles without even getting near any other spatial object. Also we know that matter can be turned into energy. All material things, including ourselves, are composed of matter which appears very solid to our sense perceptions. But is it so solid, and just what do we mean by solid? Is not solidity a completely egocentric view of matter?



I suggest that you give this idea some deep thought and then add to it by remembering that radio and television waves, while being very real things, are anything but solid and even mix up and pass through each other without collision. This will give you a good start in envisioning possible post-death scenes, places and events. Scenes, places and events are anything but solid on our own planes of experience, and there is no reason to assume that in this respect they are any different elsewhere. The idea that they must be different, magical or incomprehensible is just a tacit assumption. Indeed tacit assumptions . . . acceptances which are blindly held because of their outer appearance to our current sense perceptions . . . have done a great deal to hold back (continued on next page)

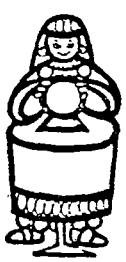


the march of science, the arts and the humanities in general. The old one about the sun moving around the earth was such an assumption. It seemed so obvious. Yes, it is obvious to the set of senses that bring us most of our information. But like the old ballad: "It ain't necessarily so!"



Another matter in connection with possible appearance on the other side of life is the thought-form. We sometimes forget that everything we dream up and fashion with matter has to be preceded by a thought-form in somebody's mind. Airplanes, railroads, houses, etc., and even Sunday's dinner and the clothes we wear, and not to forget economic and political systems . . . all and much more have to be preceded by a thought-form in our minds. Not until this happens can we mold it into a reality. Our information from thousands of discarnate sources indicates that creations, or outer appearances, originate the same way over there. Somebody, or some Higher Intelligence, has to dream them up first.

On this side, we have to "push the obstructed universe around" before we can create a material something. Over there, we learn from discarnate sources that the manipulation of matter, or its analog, is not required, but very precise thought forms are. These, then, become manifest as visible and tangible objects to dwellers on that side, even as do our dream pictures on this side, which certainly seem real enough to us while dreaming. Death brings us a change in consciousness. This means that we no longer have the awareness channels which our physical five senses bring us, and it also implies that we are given a different set of corresponding awareness channels which correspond to what we must become aware of in our new condition.



This information comes to us from literally thousands of sensitives who reside, or have resided, in many places and different times all over the world. The point I am trying to make is that we should not be too alarmed and confused into survival rejection just because we read, for instance, that discarnate Raymond, Sir Oliver Lodges son, observed cigar smoking over there, and others report on houses, clothes, or mines and what have you. Even over here, and depending somewhat on what we see, or think we see, and on what we report, we get all manner of descriptions of this and that, and many are very contradictory.

Orthodox religions have gone in for a lot of imagination as to what we encounter after death. Cannon Bezzant, Dean of St. John's College, Cambridge, in criticizing the Church for this, tells us: "If hell offends, Heaven bores!" How many angels could dance on the head of a pin was a matter for learned discussion a few generations back, and in our own time we have seen hot debate held between high church officials on questions of marriage, birth control, abortion, etc. If you take mediumistic description of the after-life with a grain of salt, you will do well to consider the doctrines of some of our own faiths. If descriptions of the after-life coming from our sensitives seems far-fetched, at least they are claimed to be real objective experiences and not mere dogmas imagined by some high church zealot.

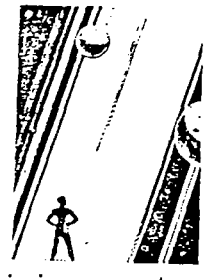
G.N.M. Tyrell, former president of the English SPR (continued on next page)

after considering the statement of many communicators and astral projectors held that it is most unlikely that we shall be moved off into some unknown and strange world God knows where. Said he: "We are there already, for a change of world is not brought about by spatial travel, but by what we are aware of." A blind or deaf man's world is very different to him than ours, but it is still the same world.

If we accept post-death survival, which I believe can reasonably be inferred from the totality of evidence at hand, it is inevitable for us to wonder just what life over there is like. Obviously no living person can give us specific descriptions with any degree of authority. But if we understand the true nature of solidity in the objects of our every day experience on this plane; if we realize that such objects which reach our observation through our current senses are not the objects themselves, but merely thought-forms built up in our minds and consciousness; if we admit the possibility, indeed the high probability, of different but analagous senses which we might have in the after-life; if we agree that an entirely different set of objects revealed through our post-death senses, or awareness channels, would through their unfamiliarity throw us into a terrible state of confusion (although this does not seem to be the case); then we can reasonably assume that objects revealed to us over there cannot be radically different from their analog on this side of the Great Divide.



Many learned philosophers and scientists have expressed the view that without some form of after-life existence, experiences and values accruing to us here would become absolutely meaningless . . . "not worth the effort of tying our shoelaces in the morning" as one writer puts it. However, if we continue to exist in a post-death life, then some form of recognition of our own egos and the appearances which it receives is a logical necessity. These thoughts are well worthy of your weighty consideration, and I suggest that you tackle them one by one and possibly thereby gain an overall philosophy of life which will make living on this plane of experience worthwhile to you despite its many and inevitable vicissitudes.



Indeed, if we are not here to learn more about the universe around us and the equally vast universe within us, as taught in our correspondence courses on the Tarot; if we cannot learn more about our true natures and our relationships to others; if the cosmic purpose of it all is never to be known to us, as it never would be if death extinguished us; then I for one cannot even imagine why life came into being in the first place. We all know that a life without aim or purpose is a sad one. Perhaps you will agree that a life without some recognition of a cosmic purpose behind it all is even sadder. The teaching-training system of B.O.T.A. helps you to become directly aware of and to participate in this Cosmic Purpose.



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A CASE HISTORY FROM OUR FILES

Dear B.O.T.A.



I am a person who always starts out like a house afire . . . hopes and expectations high in everything I undertake. Even with my B.O.T.A. lessons I began enthusiastically, but as with everything else, I have started to get behind in my studies. This shows how inconsistent I am. However, I still study some and actually have a deep abiding interest in the lessons. I know what I should do, and yet never do it when I should. It's always tomorrow. I feel that I must be the world's greatest procrastinator, never tenacious long enough to form a specific habit. Two years ago I enrolled in a school of stenotypy. As usual, my hopes, my aims and my expectations were high. But, here I am, two years later, still in school and my accomplishments are not very good. For the past five months I haven't even bothered to go to classes, though this course has cost me over one thousand dollars. Since I am certainly not wealthy, you would think that I would carry through so as not to throw away my money, if for no other reason.









I get angry with myself, talk it over with myself, give myself good and positive suggestions and any other psychological techniques that I have heard about — all to no avail. I cry some, too, but nothing seems to keep me going long enough on a constructive path. I am well aware that the fault lies within, but how can I overcome this problem? How can I get me to act today, and not tomorrow which never comes? I must get on with this thing called life, but for the time being I feel as though I am lost in inactivity. After sending me a solution, please pray for me that I will be tenacious enough to follow your instructions.

K.L.

Dear K. L.



I received your letter in which you asked for help in overcoming procrastination and lack of ability to follow through. The first thing you must realize is that these are just as much habits as are those that help us to complete tasks we wish to perform. You have been creating and feeding a self-image that is holding you in a pattern of inaction which is detrimental to your spiritual, as well as material, progress.



If you will return to the first seven lessons you received from us in the mail, entitled SEVEN STEPS, you will see that they include instructions in a method of imaging for a more fulfilling future. In your case you need to use this technique to create a new self-image free from the restrictions you have placed upon yourself. You have been giving your subconsciousness the image of yourself as one who never completes anything, and your subconsciousness, in turn, has done its best to fulfill this image, including the idea that you begin with much enthusiasm and then seem to fizzle out. Your subconsciousness has been cooperating with you to help you get nowhere fast. (cont. on next page)

A CASE HISTORY (Cont.)



Your first task is to change this image. In your work with the SEVEN STEPS, see yourself as completing whatever you undertake. Be specific in this creation. Use lots of detail. Take something that is important to you, your stenotype course for instance, and in this imagery see yourself as going to school, practicing a definite number of hours per day, getting good grades, receiving credentials, and, finally, working in an appropriate job. This can be easy and lots of fun. Repeat this same image every night. It doesn't take much time or effort, but do try to get happy, expectant emotion into it. Do not let the present state of affairs in your life interfere with your imagery. After a week or so of this, start to carry it out in your life, but it is very important to start small. Do not jump into something big right away. Start by completing small tasks around the house that you have been neglecting. The smaller they are the better. Perhaps you have a couple of un-ironed blouses around (now what made me think of that?). Get them out and iron them. With these little acts of completion you are beginning to build a pattern of success rather than failure. In St. Matthew 25:29 it is written, "For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken even that which he hath." Success has a tendency to breed more success, just as failure seems to bring more failure. When you have completed a little task, your new self-image has some small backing in fact. Stay with small tasks for some time and then, ever so gradually, go to larger undertakings. Be easy on yourself and praise the little successes. After repeated little successes you will be ready to tackle more important tasks with less likelihood of failure.



You have been suffering from inertia, as all of us do at times, but it has become a pattern of action with you that automatically follows after you decide to do something important. It is never wise to fight a pattern too directly. It is said somewhere in our correspondence lessons, "You don't have to shovel out the darkness; just turn on the light." That is why the indirect method of creating a new image in imagination and then backing it up gradually with little successes is a better way. Remember, now, do not try anything too big at first. That will come after your new self-image becomes well established by repetition and enough small successes to give the lie to the old image of procrastination.



Incidentally, I notice from your record that you are young and unmarried. While you are at it, creating the new you, I mean, you might add romance as a bonus. In your mental creation find yourself meeting your future husband when you start on your new job. This is very scientific, really. Adding love will add impetus, emotion and excitement to your imagery. Besides, with a man in the picture, it stands to reason that any woman would be more tenacious. Do let us know how you succeed. Love and blessings,

Soror A

Dear Soror A,



Thank you so much for your wonderful suggestions. I have actually been able to stick to the creation of my new self-image and am well on my way to overcoming procrastination. Adding romance to the image is what did it. That has proved to be a winning combination. However, it didn't work exactly the way I thought it would. I'm afraid I put more emphasis on the man than on the job, so I met him first. But he is so wonderful that he wants to help me overcome my weakness. He is helping me with both my B.O.T.A. studies and my Stenotypy course. Now what girl can fail when she has a man to impress? Thanks again.

K. L.

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A CASE HISTORY (Cont.)



Dear K. L.

You are a girl after my own heart! You were able to make good use of a weakness while in the act of overcoming it. What man can resist a girl who looks to him for strength? Now you are sure to succeed. But don't fail now. Be sure to give him all the credit for your success!

Soror A

Do not squander time for that is the stuff life is made of. FRANKLIN

Make use of time, let not advantage slip. SHAKESPEARE

PRAYER

Oh Lord, teach me to recognize
Thy perfect Guidance,
Trusting in Thy Boundless Wealth
For my every need,
To love all Nature which is Thyself,
Helping with ready hands
All those who pass my way.
Oh Lord, make me wise, gay, mild,
And shining like a sun,
Soul-rich in Thy Joys
However they may come.
God's shining blossom - me -
His own living child!

— Greeba A. Lambert
New Zealand



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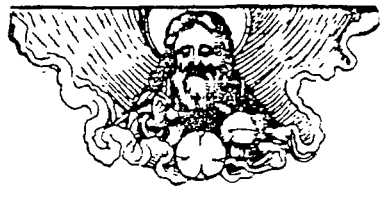
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Editor's note:- Due to many requests from our members and friends about the mystical experiences of our Prolocutor General, Ann Davies, she some time ago consented to share with you some of her fourth dimensional awarenesses, which started in her early childhood. This series portrays many of her supersensory perceptions, in order to help illustrate the Reality which underlies physical manifestation.

MY MYSTICAL UNIVERSE



(Part XII - God Is!)

By Ann Davies, Prolocutor General



At age 27, having spent several years in concentrated occult study and research, coupled with strenuous self-analysis, I realized that I was now well prepared to undertake formal meditation. I had already developed considerable facility in watching my thoughts, emotions and actions from the vantage point of the observer, though I had no teacher (so I thought!). I had carefully mapped my course that I might be protected from falling into the traps of, or being snared by, self-delusion or illusion.

I was going to settle for nothing but REALITY . . . whatever that Reality might be! IS THERE A GOD? I had to know the answer to this question as desperately as a drowning man gasps for air.





I had a light lunch on the date I set for my first formal meditation. I then cleaned the apartment thoroughly, holding in mind that this was a symbolic cleansing of my environment. At dinnertime instead of eating, I took a bath, concentrating on washing away (symbolically) all patterns of false knowledge. I spent the next two hours analyzing the Quest that had brought me thus far. Realizing that this, my first formal meditation, was just a beginning, I reminded myself that I would probably have to meditate daily for years . . . or a lifetime . . . in order to receive an answer to my question . . . if there was an answer!

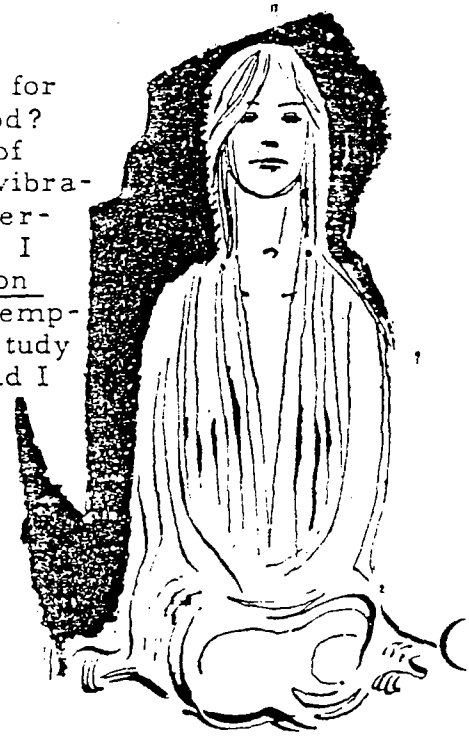
I donned a loose robe, turned off all the lights except for the night light in the hallway, and sat down in a comfortable chair. I started to breathe deeply, rhythmically, slowly. I instructed myself to let go of all tensions as the deep, rhythmic breathing continued. I then placed my full and concentrated attention about a foot above my head as I literally hurled my question upward to that point.

. . . . IS THERE A GOD ?

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MY MYSTICAL UNIVERSE (Cont.)

IS THERE A GOD? The quivering, all-consuming question! Every fibre of my being . . . every inbreath . . . every outbreath . . . everything meaningful . . . my entire past . . . my entire future . . . all this energy, and more, was gathered together by my mind and heart into the question of questions! Unwaveringly I held my question as the one and only point of concentrated attention. Nothing was permitted to impinge or disrupt. No other thought was permitted to intrude. NOTHING ELSE MATTERED!



I had been holding myself in this state of meditation for about an hour when something started to happen. God? God? IS THERE A GOD? I became aware of a strange new type of vibration starting at my feet and travelling upwards! The vibration seemed like a fluidic-electro-magnetic energy which pervaded me as it flowed upward and through and through me. I somehow knew intuitively that I must not permit my attention to become intrigued with this phenomenon! I resisted the temptation to let my one-pointed concentration be pulled into a study of the Vibratory phenomenon taking place in me, and instead I redoubled the power of my upward-hurled question of questions. Just as we ignore the sights and sounds around us when we are absorbed in a good book or exciting movie, so did I keep myself absorbed in my vital meditation.

The vibratory movement slowly continued to flow upward as though being pulled to that point above my head. When the vibration reached my reproductive organs, I experienced an ecstatic reproductive unity with all living creatures. I will not waver! God? God? Is there a God? I sent the experience upward to my meditative point. The vibration, having hesitated, continued to flow up. When it reached my heart area I became rapturous Infinite Love. Ah Love! To rest infinitely in Infinite Love! Upward! Up! God? Is there a God? I must know! An embryo in the mother's womb rests in what appears to be Infinite Love. Beautiful! Sublime to rediscover this essence. But I must go further! Else, how can I know what to do with this rapturous love? Upward! Up! Up! IS THERE A GOD?

The vibration continued up, and when it reached my meditative point I became Beginningless-Endless Consciousness. Never a time I was not. I was Pure Consciousness with nothing to be conscious of . . . except I AM. Neither birth nor death . . . neither Person nor persons. Never a time I could not BE, because WAS and WILL BE were eternally I AM. I was Cosmic Consciousness. I was Samadhi. I was Foreverness. Ecstatic but serene.

How long I remained absorbed into Cosmic Consciousness in terms of time and space I do not know. It was past midnight when I thought to look at a clock. My return to Ann Davies' consciousness was abrupt but glorious. My first thought was this: "Well, I now know that there is a part of my consciousness that was never born, will never die, and transcends time and space. This part of my Consciousness is ONE WITH COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS . . . or GOD! God is therefore in me . . . but also beyond me."

Did I receive an answer to my meditative question? The answer is, of course, "Yes!" I achieved Samadhi at my first formal (continued on next page)

meditation. That which Eastern Swamis and Gurus yearn for through a lifetime of disciplines. That which Eastern Occultism considers the GOAL! But I knew better! I knew that this was just a beginning. I knew that Cosmic Consciousness could even be a trap. An invitation to rest in the Ultimate, thereby giving up further evolution in the delusion that the Ultimate had been attained. I therefore BEGAN my researches into Consciousness at the point where others have mistakenly thought they had achieved the final liberation.

I was out to discover WHY evolution existed with all its pain, separateness, etc. I was out to discover how individuation occurred and what was its destiny. I was out to prove or disprove Reincarnation, Personal survival, etc.

Now that I knew GOD IS, I had Eternity in which to research the rest of the Mysteries. ⊛

WHOSO DRAWS NIGH TO GOD ONE STEP THROUGH DOUBTINGS DIM,
GOD WILL ADVANCE A MILE IN BLAZING LIGHT TO HIM.
—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

JUST A LITTLE NONSENSE . . . . . .

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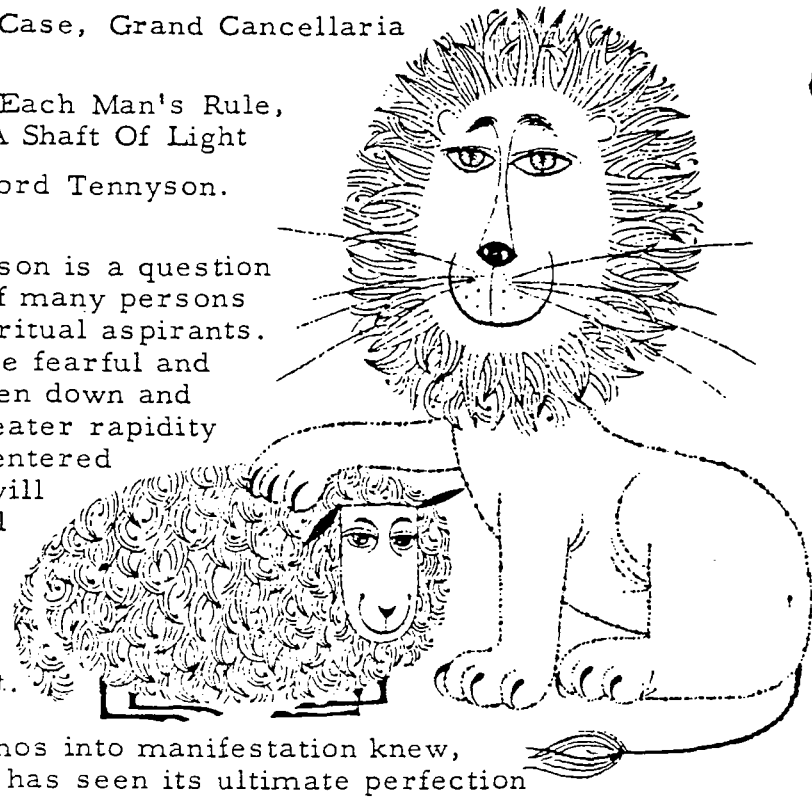
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SPIRITUAL EVOLUTION TOWARDS PEACE

by Harriet B. Case, Grand Cancellaria

"When Shall All Men's Good Be Each Man's Rule,
And Universal Peace Be Like A Shaft Of Light
Across The Land."
Alfred Lord Tennyson.



This quotation from Lord Tennyson is a question that I believe is often in the minds of many persons these days, not just the minds of spiritual aspirants. The times are troubled. So many are fearful and confused. Old forms are being broken down and many changes are occurring with greater rapidity than ever before. We have already entered into the Great Aquarian Age, but it will take many generations before the full promises of this Age will be brought to fruition. However, the very increased tempo of the times will bring about changes for the better faster than we have known in the past. Always bear in mind that the Great Creative Spirit that brought the Cosmos into manifestation knew, and knows, the purpose and plan and has seen its ultimate perfection and beauty. As it says in the Scriptures: "The end is known from the beginning."

But the point is, how can we help now to bring these better conditions into being so that the world we live in may be peaceful, its peoples cooperative and friendly, helpful to each other regardless of race, nation, color or creed — all people living by the 'Golden Rule', not just mouthing it!

Well, to me (as I see it), the first step is to begin the transmutation of one's own personality. I can hear our readers say, "But isn't that what I have been doing for some time, particularly since I took up the study of Tarot and the Tree of Life, as well as meditation upon the Keys?" My answer would be "Yes"; but isn't there much more that we could all do? How about the ingrained feelings of separateness, resentment, injustice, bitterness, inferiority, jealousy, the desire to dominate others; or feeling so sorry for oneself and the fear of the future (forgetting that God has this in His care, if we will only let Him handle it), plus a host of other subtle negative traits that keep us from fully expressing the love, beauty and wisdom of the Christ Light within our hearts. If we could bring our minds and emotions to dwell on this simple truth — the radiant Love and Light within — we would find all anger consumed, all fears dispelled and all weariness pass from us. This will not prevent our having to experience tests and trials, but we will face each one with greater strength, fortitude and wisdom.

All things in the universe are inter-related. Nothing and no one stands alone. The whole is made up of parts, and the more 'parts' that are brought nearer to perfection, allowing the Radiant Light to shine through, the lighter will the 'whole' be. A small portion of leaven will raise a big lump of dough!

It is said in the Scriptures: "Man is made in the image and likeness of God"; therefore man is endowed with the power of creative imagination. The same power is that which brought the universe into being, for: "The (continued on next page)

SPIRITUAL EVOLUTION TOWARDS PEACE (Cont.)

ALL is MIND: The Universe is Mental." (from the Kybalion). The ALL, which is the Substantial REALITY underlying the outward appearances and manifestations which we call "matter", etc., is SPIRIT, or AIN SUPH AUR (the Limitless Light or Radiant Darkness), unknowable and invisible to our eyes, but which may be thought of as an Universal Infinite Living Mind.



It is possible, as Dr. Case says in the Great Work (part of the B.O.T.A. correspondence lessons) "to realize something of what is meant by the occult doctrine of the Word. Far from being an abstract metaphysical speculation, this doctrine means that mental imagery (The Empress) combined with sound-vibration (The Hierophant) is what brings all visible forms into existence." And he says further, "The Inner Voice provides us with what we must know, in order to deal intelligently with whatever problems confront us ..... through the vehicle of sound-vibration, living conscious energy is shaped metaphysically by our acts of creative imagery. The whole cosmic process, according to Ageless Wisdom, begins with the idea of MAN, and is directed toward the production of perfected human embodiment of the Life-power."



So here we have a key as to how we can help now to bring into outer manifestation the desired ends. First seek to cleanse the personality of its subtle negative attitudes and erroneous concepts which we may not as yet have totally eliminated (Key 16). Then use the wonderful techniques of creative imagination in visualizing the better world conditions we desire to see manifested, calling upon the God power within, which is always available, that we may become co-creators or co-administrators with the Lord of Life (Key 21). Actually there are at this time numerous groups working all over the world for the betterment of humanity, many deriving from the United Nations and its multitudinous sub-organizations or departments.

Incidentally, support <u>your</u> U.N. in any way that you can, for this project was initiated by the Great Being who is behind the work of B.O.T.A.

For those who have finished the regular curriculum which ends with the Great Work, the Rev. Davies' splendid post-graduate courses DEVELOPING SUPERSENSORY POWERS and ESOTERIC ASTROLOGY will be found most helpful in perfecting the conscious use of planetary forces in correlation with the Tarot Keys in controlling and creating desired images. Peace is not a separate "thing". It is intimately tied in with the attitudes of our heart and mind. ◈

I AM GLAD TO THINK
I AM NOT BOUND TO MAKE THE WORLD GO RIGHT,
BUT ONLY TO DISCOVER AND TO DO
WITH CHEERFUL HEART THE WORK THAT GOD APPOINTS.

I WILL TRUST HIM
THAT HE CAN HOLD HIS OWN; AND I WILL TAKE
HIS WILL, ABOVE THE WORK HE SENDETH ME,
TO BE MY CHIEFEST GOOD. —JEAN INGELOW

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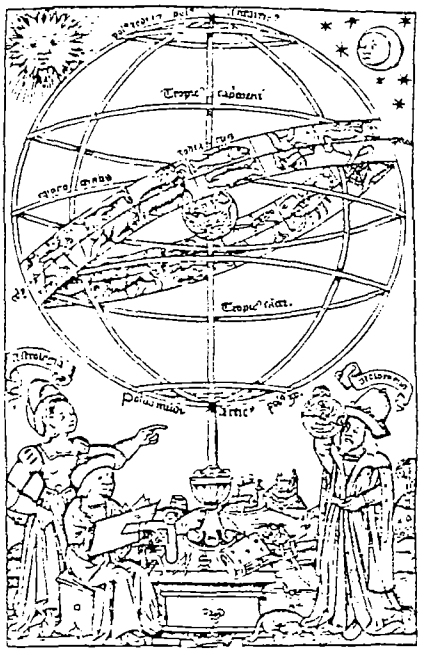
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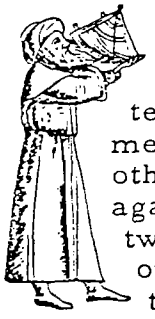
OBSTACLES ON THE PATH OF RETURN

By Felix J. Frazer, Grand Prolocutor



Many people . . . when they find life's pathway strewn with trials and tribulations from which their inherited or acquired orthodox doctrines fail to bring them comfort or relief . . . when "heaven bores and hell offends", as one writer puts it . . . turn to occultism and metaphysical study. Sometimes they confuse these studies with psychic phenomena, either home-grown or professional. (About this confusion I will have more to say in a future article.) To some this turn on Life's path is no more than an attempt to escape or circumvent the inevitable vicissitudes which we all encounter, from Saviors and Saints on down to us ordinary folk. Putting it roughly, as Kipling did: "There's no discharge in the war!"

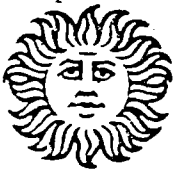
This is a harsh, but true, statement. Our evolutionary pathway, which we all must tread from the bottom to the glorious top, is essentially and necessarily divided into two parallel segments. . . one good and the other bad, as we ordinarily view them. We sometimes call them the positive and negative aspects of life, and they correspond to the basic duality of all the appearances which nature, including human nature, shows us.



Disregarding for the moment our purely human judgments of good and bad, science has recently discarded such former universally accepted and monistic notions as absolute distance, speed, duration, etc. and adopted the relativistic view of things, i.e., that any event in nature must be measured, timed, weighed or otherwise described in relationship to some other event. They can have no meaning to us unless so described. Here again we have the basic duality between the observer and the observed; between what is seen here and what happens there. All events which reach our consciousness, whether from the seen or the unseen worlds, must partake of this duality; otherwise they would be meaningless to us, if, indeed, we could perceive them at all.



Where does duality end . . . rights and lefts, plus and minus, pleasure and pain, and everything in between? This ending is symbolized by the white circle or Sephirah at the top of the Tree of Life, which all our B.O.T.A aspirants recognize as the God-head or the fountain-head from which all things, including ourselves, flow. The circles, or Sephiroth, below on the Tree symbolize the various aspects of Reality, both in ourselves and nature and express the duality of all that which is manifest. The God-head, Itself, is not manifest except through its reflections. All duality ends, and also begins, at the God-head. The reason for this is very simple. Nothing, absolutely nothing, exists other than the God-head. To what or whom, then, could the God-head exhibit Itself? To one of its own reflections, such as one of us? But we are a part, or reflection, of It. The sun, for instance, cannot exhibit itself to one of its rays, for the rays are a part of, and integral with, the sun. You cannot add a single thing to itself. It must be added to something else. (continued on next page)

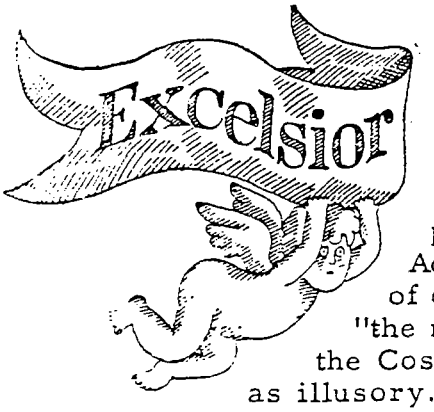


This is a hard thought or idea for the aspirant to grasp. He is so used to viewing something outside of himself. Even the mirror image which he views is not himself. Without himself, the image would not be there. The ultimate goal of the true aspirant, therefore, must be to become consciously one with God. This is called the ultimate illumination. At that point he views or realizes nothing outside, because he IS that which he previously tried to view and realize. Is this a state of nothingness? Of course not! It is a state of everythingness, and is a long way off for most of us, indeed all of us.

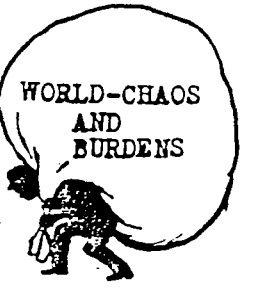
Perhaps I have now helped you to gain some idea of what I meant in my title by the word obstacle. Obstacles are no more than lessons which we must learn on our way upward. They are necessary and unavoidable, not only at our stage of evolution, but onward and upward to the higher states of consciousness which the Masters of the Wisdom possess. Do they, too, have obstacles in their upward travels? Yes, of course, only they regard them as problems to be solved, not obstacles, and they are on a higher level than ours. Is the alphabet an obstacle to a child? Yes, but only because it keeps him from play. Is the geometry an obstacle to a high school student? Yes, if he would rather go to a dance than stay home and study. Are the trials and tribulations which we all encounter obstacles to us? Yes, when we are more concerned with our unevolved feelings and supposed pleasures than we are with the lessons which they can and will teach us if we give them a chance.



The Matterhorn was a great obstacle to me in my youth, but the feelings and sense of achievement which I enjoyed when I finally reached the top I could never have experienced at the bottom of the climb. Was this climb necessary to my evolutionary growth? Yes, but only in the sense that it taught me the great lesson that those things which appear difficult or impossible at first encounter can be overcome and vanquished when attacked with determination, vigor and patience. They are no more than lessons which we have to learn either in this incarnation or future ones.



Remember that the wisdom of Those who guide us upward . . . and our guide can also be our own higher self at times . . . gives us lessons (obstacles) to learn when we consciously set our feet on the Path of Return. It is no easy road. You cannot become a virtuoso on the piano in six easy lessons! Neither are you going to be pushed into Heaven in a self-propelled, satin-lined basket. Achievement without effort is best left to the claims of many of our commercial advertisers, which one wag has termed "the new illiteracy". Something for nothing does not exist in the Cosmic Purpose. A lot for a little is almost as bad and just as illusory.



The dark night of the soul is a term often heard in occult and metaphysical parlance. All who consciously set their feet upon the Path of Return experience it. There are no exceptions. It is analagous to the term examination which every student must pass before moving from a lower to a higher grade. They are difficult and perplexing, and rightly so. And our reactions and feelings towards them are nearly always those of worry and fear. Surely you would not put your life in the hands of a doctor who, at least in your belief, had not successfully moved through years of teaching and practice and who had not passed his intermediate and final examinations. Such a one has (continued on next page)

experienced all the worries and griefs of his studenthood and made the grade to the final powers and privileges of his M.D. status. By that same token, do you expect any less from an occult aspirant who, too, must surmount all the obstacles, i.e. learn all the lessons, which must precede his achievement of the powers and privileges which inevitably attend his entry into the higher and more sublime states of consciousness?

Put in the vernacular, if you want to get it you must also prove yourself able to take it! Rewards are not for the dropouts. To get anything really worthwhile in life . . . and what can be more rewarding than the successive summits of self-realization climaxed by the sublime and ultimate illumination? . . . you must stick to it and surmount all the obstacles (learn all the lessons) which lie on your upward path.

This is the best advice I, or anyone else, can give you. ◈

BEFORE THE GATES OF EXCELLENCE THE HIGH GODS HAVE PLACED SWEAT. LONG IS THE ROAD THERETO AND STEEP AND ROUGH AT FIRST, BUT WHEN THE HEIGHT IS WON, THEN IS THERE EASE.
—AN ANCIENT GREEK POET

A MAN DOES WHAT HE MUST—IN SPITE OF PERSONAL CONSEQUENCES, IN SPITE OF OBSTACLES, AND DANGERS, AND PRESSURES—AND THAT IS THE BASIS OF ALL HUMAN MORALITY.
—JOHN F. KENNEDY

REAL LIFE MUST HAVE SOME HEROIC FORCE IN IT, ELSE IT ONLY BREATHES, BUT DOES NOT LIVE.
—HORACE BUSHNELL

NO MAN CAN DREAM CHARACTER INTO HIMSELF— HE MUST HAMMER AND FORGE HIMSELF INTO A MAN.
—JOHN WANAMAKER



ODE TO BINAH

Oh Binah of Malkuth, blessed be Thy Name.

How welcome Thy healing love.

How needed the nourishment thereof, never withheld; brought from across the Abyss on the bridge of Thy loving heart.

How sound Thy knowledge of the Path of Return; of every exaltation and pitfall which Thou hast known again and again through every footstep of Thy loved charges — the true crucifixion.

What wisdom you lay before our eyes in the adeptness of your loving response to the true needs of the evolving life of this sphere.

What enlightenment you give with your laughing, joyous delight in the myriad variations of Creation.

How fortunate we are to be held close within Thy Divine Maternal Radiance in Thy Work of bringing forth the Christ Spirit — another spiral up from the last great birthing.

Oh giver of form, Blessed by Thy Supernal Name.

— Joseph Nolen

DR. ANN DAVIES SPEAKS

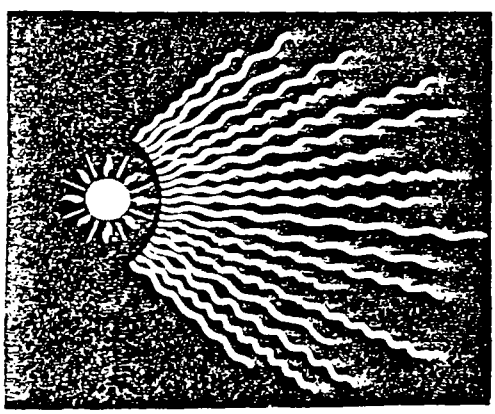
Editor's note: ☞ The articles in this department are based on selected excerpts from the transcriptions of class lectures given at the Temple by our cherished Spiritual Director, Ann Davies.

VIBRATION – THE BASIS OF MANIFESTATION



As is so often reiterated in our lessons, no one, not even a true spiritual teacher, can magically lift you to higher levels of attainment. All a true teacher can do to help you grow is to give you the methods and show you the map for the journey you must make! You have to tread the path yourself. No one can tread it for you. A spiritual teacher, however, can intensify your aspiration while instructing you and preparing you for your journey.

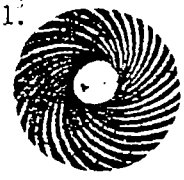
When one reaches the point of true aspiration he realizes from the depth of his soul that there is nothing, but nothing, that is more important than transmutation of his own personality so that it can become a perfected instrument for the Higher Soul within which we all live. We all share this Higher Soul, but this does not take away from each person's own unique and eternal individuality. Actually, it adds to it. We must come to a point where we realize that this is all that matters, because all of us must drop the physical body sooner or later. What are we going to have when this temporary vehicle is dropped? We will have our emotional, mental and spiritual development. The rest – the personality foibles, the heartaches and even the immature pleasures – fall away. They have been an interplay of cosmic forces. It is what our evolving consciousness has received from this interplay of inter-personal relationships (whether they have seemed to be fulfilling or frustrating) that is important. Our inter-personal relationships are the proving ground for what we are! Qabalistic teaching has always held that whatever cosmic principles we have grasped or not yet grasped can only be verified in and through the impacts and associations that come between the various thinking, feeling and reacting beings here on the physical plane.



We finally arrive at a point where we realize that we must go to work on our own personal responses to our selves, to other human beings, and to life in general. All our responses to life are responses to the vibratory expression of the One Life. Those who are familiar with recent scientific findings know that there is no longer any question regarding the non-material basis of all physical phenomena. All physical objects are caused by an interplay of cosmic forces. Everything that exists has a specialized vibratory rate within an electro-magnetic area of space. We are all conscious expressions of the Lord of Life. We are no more separate from the Source of our being than we are separate from the creations we make in our minds. The difference is only in level or degree (vibratory rate of motion).

The true Qabalistic teaching, encompassing Tarot and (cont. on next page)

the Tree of Life, has always taught that the entire universe is a vibratory formula; different waves (wave lengths) within the One Sea of Life. Because the physical universe has been correctly perceived as having a non-material basis, some have wrongly decided that it is an illusion or a delusion. Some partially developed teachers have experienced levels of awareness which give them true enough knowledge that all experience is colored by the level of evolution, perception and understanding of the one who experiences it. Those who become aware of this type of Samadhi or Nervana sometimes come to the conclusion that the physical plane is unreal. Actually this is just one portion of the total picture. Mystically they have seen that everything is whirling energy, whirling motion. So from this they decide that the physical world is not real. Where they go astray is in their misinterpretation of the vibratory aspects of manifestation. What we must learn is that this experience of the non-physical basis of the physical universe does not mean that the physical level is an illusion or a delusion. It is just that consciousness has not yet learned how to understand, and utilize completely, the vibratory level that we call the physically manifested universe.



In Qabalah the physical universe (Malkuth) is called the flower of God. The flower is something very lovely indeed, is it not? What we are doing in occult work is expanding our ability to interpret the significance of vibration, and thus expanding our control and mastery of the physical plane. Actually we are the way the Divine Consciousness can experience certain unique aspects of Its Selfhood. We reside within all the vibratory levels of the Most High. The different levels are like the various depths within a vast ocean of consciousness. It depends upon the amount of discrimination we have and the use to which we put these vibratory awarenesses as to whether they will be beneficial or destructive.

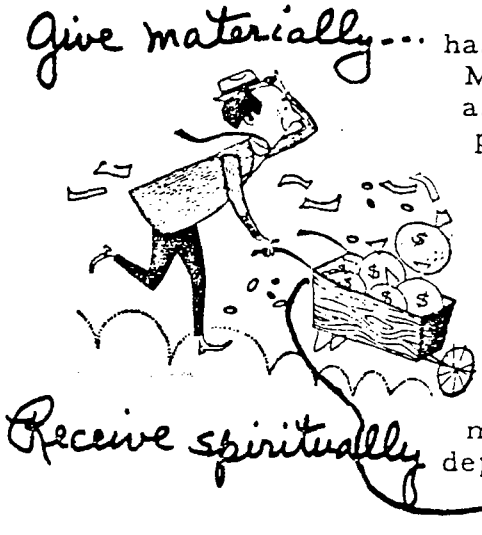
In our next issue we will discuss some specific mantric formulas of the Qabalistic Tradition that will help you in correlating your consciousness with Higher vibratory levels of your Awareness. ◈

"The most beautiful and most profound emotion we can experience is the sensation of the mystical." —*ALBERT EINSTEIN*

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Dear Friends,

No, you haven't missed any copies of the ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES since our last issue dated July 1966.



Due to the accelerated rate at which the Rev. Ann Davies has been releasing esoteric and advanced courses from the Masters of the Inner Planes (which are now being published as rapidly as limited personnel and funds permit), we simply have not been able to publish the ADYTUM NEWS-NOTES during the intervening months. The normal membership contributions barely cover our overhead expenses.

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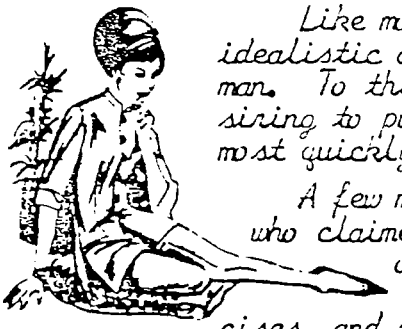
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A CASE HISTORY FROM OUR FILES

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Dear B.O.T.A. — SOS!

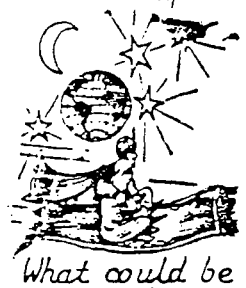


Like most of us, I have a problem! I am a young girl of 17, very idealistic and full of aspiration to know God and to serve my fellow man. To this end I have wanted to study psychology and occultism, desiring to purify my body, my mind and emotions by whatever methods would most quickly bring about these desired results.

A few months ago at a gathering at a friend's house, I met a man who claimed to be an advanced Yogin. In fact, I had heard of him before and knew that he had classes of students to whom he taught regular yogic exercises, and for those whom he considered ready to receive them, he gave higher teaching and certain special exercises. Naturally, you can imagine how thrilled I was when, looking deep into my eyes, he said: "Why do you not come and join one of my yoga classes? I can perceive with my inner eye that you are ripe for more intense spiritual growth. I can show you the way to attain great spiritual power, to keep forever young and beautiful, and in due time to heal and help your fellow men and women."



Need I add that I accepted this invitation with alacrity and enthusiasm and the next day attended my first class in yoga instruction, along with deep breathing exercises. For the first week or two I worked with the class of about 15 other women, all of them many years older than I. Most of them were portly and not very good looking. Then one afternoon our teacher asked me to remain behind after the other ladies had gone, as he said he had something important to impart to me. When we were alone he told me that he had been shown in a vision that I was a very great and special soul (as he had intuited upon first meeting me); that, in fact, I was his Soul-mate and we were destined to do great things together for the benefit of humanity. Through close association with me he would regain his youth (he is 68) and together we would travel around the world gaining power and prestige and bringing Light and Healing to troubled and ailing humanity. Boy, was I thrilled! What could be more wonderful! He declared that I was the one whom he had been waiting for and that now he must initiate me into the inner sacred rites of mystic union, so that we could begin to work together to bring about these magical results.



I admit that I was naive and so believing in him that I was prepared to do anything he instructed me to do, in order that I might be trained and prepared to become a server in the cause of God and humanity. So at our next private session he assured me that it was necessary for us to have sexual union, which he said was the true spiritual alchemy. This rather dismayed me, as I was a virgin and he was quite an old man. Also I could feel no physical attraction towards him, although I revered him as my teacher. He also had been telling me that I must stop wasting my time with young people, friends my own age, particularly young men; that most of them were empty-headed and that it was a sheer waste of precious hours to dance, to swim, to play the guitar and sing or go to the movies; that I must confine myself to his company, to his teachings, and to study as hard as I could. He also assured me that he loved me.



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I told him that I must have time to prepare myself for such a serious step. Then it so happened that at this time I was forced to go away to the country for a month or so with my family. When I returned he chided me for having been away from him for so long and said that our great destiny together required that I obey him implicitly. He also insisted that I should give up going to college (which I had just entered) since the only teaching I needed would be coming from him.

He is now putting pressure on me to enter into what he calls "the spiritual alchemy of spiritual union" so that he may regain his youth and I may evolve more rapidly through this more "intimate" relationship with him. He says our great mission absolutely requires this, and that I must not leave him or he will commit suicide.

Will I be failing in a spiritual test if I do not obey my teacher? Will I be untrue to my aspirations and opportunity? I am so confused. Please help me!

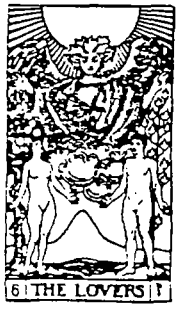
P. Q.

October 29, 1964



Dear P. Q.,

It appears to me that it is your "teacher" who requires the purification, not you! What <u>you</u> need is to do a little growing up! Fortunately, at the age of 17 we can guarantee that you will outgrow your youth. As far as this so-called "teacher" regaining <u>his</u> youth is concerned, it is very obvious that he never left it. One wonders which of the two of you is the younger! But seriously, my dear, this man is far, far from being spiritually developed or having any higher powers or understanding. No <u>real</u> teacher would try to cut you off from experiencing life and companionship with those of your own age. Nor would he try to stop your education, which is an essential background for fullest functioning in this day and age, or make the other suggestions to you under the guise of spirituality. The kindest thing we might say of this "teacher" is that he is self-centered, self-deceived, possessive, jealous and a thoroughly deluded and immature human being. The worst we might say might make us sound unspiritual, though we do feel compassionate for this poor benighted man. No true spiritual teacher would encourage an illicit affair and mask it under mystical and aspirational terminology. I am afraid he is trying to use your spiritual aspiration to fulfill his physical aspiration.



A man who truly loves a woman will be so protective towards her welfare that he would not dream of exposing her to possible scandal and loss of reputation. True love does not compel or threaten in order to force acquiescence to its personal desires. Tarot Key No. 6 symbolizes discrimination. In this Key the man and the woman are nude; their relationship does not have to be hidden from the world. It is not illicit nor clandestine, but blessed by the Holy Guardian Angel.

I advise you to resume normal companionships with friends of all ages. Your disillusionment in this "teacher" must not stop your spiritual aspirations. In your next B.O.T.A. lesson which you will be receiving through the mail you will find more clarification as to what a true teacher is.

Soror A.

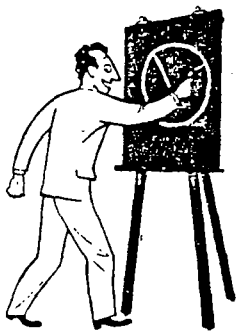
April 12, 1965

Dear Soror A,

How right you were when you said that I would outgrow my youth! Six months ago when I was only 17, you saved me from me from making a mistake that could have ruined

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A CASE HISTORY (Cont.)



my life. I took your advice and broke with the yogi teacher and went back to college. Now I find that I am really in love! (With my art and drama teacher). But I have another problem! He (my true love) is married to a woman who no longer loves him and does not understand him, yet she refuses to give him a divorce. So Patric and I have discussed the situation at length and he wants me to run away with him to Paris where we can both be free to express our love and artistic creativity. He is only 48 years old and such a genius! Would I be making bad karma if I agree to this plan?

P.Q.

April 19, 1965

Dear P. Q.

I am afraid that you are outgrowing your youth backwards! One never finds happiness at the expense of another. Meanwhile, my dear, all you are really in love with at this time is LOVE! Send your middle-aged, romantic professor back to his wife, and perhaps a change of college is called for in your case.

Soror A.

October 13, 1965

Dear Soror A,

Again how wise you have proved to be. I followed your advice and transferred to a college which is far more modern than my previous university. Here I have found kindred souls who have shown me a new reality, so now I am dedicating my life to save the masses from exploitation. My new boyfriend's name is Charles. He is very idealistic, has a great social conscience and is devoted to helping humanity in a practical way. He is now teaching me Marxism and dialectic materialism. He does not believe in marriage though, and this bothers me a little. He wants us to set up housekeeping with each other while we work for the downtrodden masses together. I feel that I have been living so many lives! What do you think about our plan?

P. Q.

October 23, 1965

Dear P. Q.

I think you need a good spanking! Reread what I said in a previous letter about illicit relationships, and really grow up! Meditate on Tarot Key No. 11. Try to get yourself balanced and stabilized.



Soror A.

July 21, 1967

Dear Soror A,

How can I ever thank you enough! You can now stop worrying about me. Last month on my 20th birthday I married my psychology professor and now at last know what a true soul-mate should be. He is so delighted with the guidance I have received from B.O.T.A. that he wishes to become a duo member with me! Tarot Keys 6 and 11 have indeed helped me find my equilibrium <u>and</u> my true happiness.

P.Q.<u>F.</u>



July 29, 1967

Dear P. Q. F.

Your good news has brought a joint sigh of relief from the entire B.O.T.A. staff! Whew!!! Love and congratulations.

Soror A

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Amethyst: A precious stone of a violet blue color, verging towards a bluish or reddish white. It is seldom uniform in color and is generally cloudy and spotted with zigzag stripes. The most beautiful specimens come from Ceylon, the East Indies, Siberia, and Saxony. It is highly prized. Ex. 28:19; Rev. 21:20. (Gr.) - methuein - to be drunken. The amethyst is a violet-blue variety of crystalline quartz supposed by the ancients to prevent intoxication. Drinking cups made of amethyst were a charm against inebriety; and it was cherished of all previous stones by Roman matrons, from the superstition that it would preserve inviolate the affection of their husbands. it was one of the jewels in the breastplate of the Jewish priest. A birthstone for those born in the sign of Aries: 3/20 to 4/20.

Amittai: (Heb.) truthful; true. Father of Jonah, (11 Kings 14:25; Jonah 1:1). Metaphysically: the tendency in us to adhere to that which we believe to be true. If this tendency is of the intellect alone, rather than of spiritual consciousness, we are apt to become narrow and condemnatory in our dealings with ourselves and others. Ammittai signifies in us that intellectual adherence to truthfulness which lacks the love and mercy that cover a multitude of short-comings. The Ammittai thought demands an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. This attitude causes an inner condemnation and a fearfulness that are destructive (Jonah) because as yet no man has attained that perfect state wherein he needs no longer to be dealt with forgivingly and mercifully. All hard judgment, even though it may be truthfully given so far as the outer man is concerned, comes back to us in the same measure in which it has been sent out

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Notices: (con't)

The record is a recording of our beautiful Sunday Service by the Rev. Ann Davies and Choir. It is a valuable asset to all of our members and all those who wish to share in our Healing Qabalistic Chant.

If you have not received a copy of our free booklet THE OPEN DOOR, or if you know a friend who would like one, send for it now: (coupon included)

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The Rev. Ann Davies will conduct a class on the correlation of Color and Sound for the attainment of the higher states of consciousness and healing, starting in September. Special announcements regarding the exact date will be mailed to all local members. The lectures will be given on Thursday evenings at 8:00 and repeated on Monday afternoons at 1:30.

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Intensive Universal Forces, which can aid us immensely in our spiritual growth and well being, can be safely invoked by a group to an extent that no single person could arouse or utilize by himself.

We invite all those who live in areas where we have established Pronaos groups to avail themselves of this opportunity. Any B.O.T.A. member in good standing may come as a guest before deciding to apply for initiation into Pronaos." (Areas listed)

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Notice: TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

*** Following her return from a triumphant lecture tour of New Zealand, the Rev. Ann Davies begins her new personally conducted class series on Thursday, October 8, 1964 at 8:00 P.M. The name of this ten-week series is ATTAINMENT ON THE QABALISTIC TREE OF LIFE - The Hidden Teachings of the Master Jesus (Rabbi of Nazareth) Revealed. This course will encompass new dimensions and new vistas in the age-old Tree of Life methods for Spiritual Advancement. We are able to offer this opportunity for learning these highly advanced esoteric teachings because the spiritual age of the world has finally advanced to a point where knowledge hitherto expounded only to close disciples may now safely be revealed to true Spiritual Aspirants.

Notice: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO OUR POST-GRADUATE STUDENTS ONLY:
We now have available the first course in our promised series of advanced studies. If you have completed our basic curriculum, including the course on the "Great Work", you are eligible to receive this new series. If you have not already signed up for it, we urge you to write to us, so we can begin mailing these new lessons to you.

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My Mystical Universe, (Part 5), Ann Davies
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Notice: TEMPLE ACTIVITIES
*** On January 14, 1965, Dr. Ann Davies will begin an intriguing new lecture series entitled THE QABALISTIC SECRET OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE - The Mystery of Gender Revealed. This class series will encompass the secret teachings of the Mystery Schools regarding polarity on all planes. Among other phases of the subject, she will discuss the problems that exist between the sexes which inhibit mutual understanding and happiness, as well as giving a complete explanation of the Kundalini Power and its proper use as against its abuse by misinformed aspirants.
It is of immense importance for occult aspirants to have the proper attitude toward Male-Female polarity. Dr. Ann Davies, who understands this need so well, will teach the class members how to overcome mis-education and the conditionings of the lower astral mass mind consciousness which have been such a detriment to our evolutionary growth. Classes are Held each Thursday night at 8:00 at the B.O.T.A. Temple and will be repeated, via tape, each Monday afternoon at 1:30.

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Notice: THE PURPOSE OF PRONAOS

Much of our work on the Path of Return is aimed at extending intellectual awareness and understanding into an emotional awareness that can affect all levels of our being. Ceremonial magic has long been known in the mystery schools as a most dynamic means of invoking such responses.

Our ritualistic work in Pronaos utilizes this dramatic image-in-motion method to aid aspirants in creating symbology of the most effective type. We urge all B.O.T.A. members who live in areas where Pronaos groups have been established to participate in this important training.

For further information about Pronaos, contact the Artisan in your area: (5 names, addresses, and phone numbers given)

Notice: TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

*** Members and friends of BUILDERS OF THE ADYTUM have often heard us refer to the Inner School. When we use the term "Inner School" we are particularly referring to the Divine Hierarchy composed of Masters of Wisdom and their disciples who have attained to various degrees of adeptship. The Divine Will makes itself known in and through the Divine Hierarchy. The Masters of Wisdom have evolved to a state of consciousness where they can directly participate in the evolutionary plan and, indeed, are in charge of the evolution of humanity. The Masters of Wisdom work through the very few members of humanity whom they have accepted as their personal disciples after putting them through many incarnations of instruction, test and trial. These disciples serve in the lower echelons of the Divine Hierarchy and are almost always great spiritual teachers on the physical plane. Members of the Divine Hierarchy, when they meet, will usually recognize each other, for there is a subtle Divine emanation that looks out from the eyes of these adepts.

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Editor's Note: Due to innumerable requests from our members and friends about the mystical experiences of our Prolocutor General, Ann Davies, she some time ago consented to share with you some of her fourth dimensional awarenesses (these having started in her early childhood). This series portrays many of her supersensory perceptions, in order to help illustrate the Reality which underlies physical manifestation.

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T.A. comments RE self-pity (con't)
T.A. RE compulsive eating
Karma (Part 1, Mass Karma), Ann Davies

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Look within - Know Thyself, Harriet Case
T.A. RE lack of confidence with opposite sex
Karma (Part 2, Racial & Familial Genetic Karma), Ann Davies

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My Mystical Universe (Part 9), Ann Davies
Begin with Yourself, Harriet Case
Does Your Mental-Emotional Motor Need A Tune-up?, Ann Ryan
T.A. RE metaphysical fanatic & tyrannical personality
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Notice: THE EFFECT OF PRONAOS PARTICIPATION
Lack of communication between self-conscious and sub-conscious states tends to short circuit our energies and is one of the greatest stumbling blocks for occult students. One of the most effective methods for establishing this desirable communication is through the symbolism of Pronaos ritual. The forces invoked by the group are directed toward balance and understanding throughout the personality.
For further information about Pronaos, contact the Artisan in your area: (list follows)

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My Mystical Universe (Part 10), Ann Davies
What is the Content of Your Consciousness, Ann Ryan
"He That is of a Cheerful Heart Hath a Continual Feast," HBC
The Fear and Moment of Death, Felix Frazer
T.A. RE adolescent rebellion
The Art of Meditation (Part 1, Truth & Fallacies),Ann Davies

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My Mystical Universe (Part 11), Ann Davies
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My Mystical Universe (Part 12), Ann Davies
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T.A. RE false teachers

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Anyone who pursues physics far enough is eventually forced into metaphysics, because if you examine matter closely enough, it disappears and leaves nothing but a frequency vibration."
-- Albert Einstein

It may be a long way to a goal, but it is never very far to the next step toward it. (A.N.N., July 1961)

"Desires are the pulses of the soul; as physicians judge by the appetite, so may you by desires." -- Manton

In accordance with the traditional blessing which comes from Those who have gone before us, we end this special communication to you with the following:
"He is one and one along. Rest under the shadow of His wings. And may Light be extended upon you."

--In L.V.X. (Light)
The Grand Chapter

SALUTATION TO THE DAWN

Listen to the exhortation of the Dawn!
Look to this Day! For it is Life!
The Very Life of Life!
In its brief course lie all the verities,
And realities of your existence,
The bliss of growth, the Glory of action,
The Splendor of Beauty,
For yesterday is but a dream
And tomorrow is only a vision.
But today well lived, makes every yesterday
A dream of happiness,
And every tomorrow
A vision of hope.
Look well therefore to this Day!
Such is the Salutation of the Dawn.
-- Anonymous (A.N.N., April 1962)

TO YOU

O I could sing such grandeurs and glories about you!
You have not known what you are,
You have slumbered upon yourself all your life.
The mockeries are not you;
Underneath them and within them I see you lurk.
Whoever you are, claim your own.
-- Walt Whitman (A.N.N., April 1962)

"There is no 'two' unless you are a worshipper of form: Before Him who is without form, all becomes One." --Sham-Tabriz

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven." -- Ecclesiastes

"The fingers of your thoughts are molding your face ceaselessly."

"One never falls but on the side toward which one leans."
--Guizot (A.N.N., July 1962)

FROM THE SONGS OF KABIR (from A.N.N. July 1962)

"The flute of the Infinite is playing without ceasing;
Its sound it love.
When love renounces all limit,
It reaches truth.
How widely the fragrance spreads!
It has no end, nothing stands in its way." . . . . .

"The lock of error shuts the gate;
Open it with the key of love.
Thus by opening the door,
Thou shalt wake the Beloved.
Kabir says:
'O brother do not pass by such good fortune as this.'"

"The human soul is a silent harp in God's quire, whose strings need only to be swept by the divine breath to chime in with the harmonies of creation." --from the Journal of Henry David Thoreau

THE LIGHT SHINETH IN THE DARKNESS . . .
. . . AND THE DARKNESS COMPREHENDETH AT LAST!

I WALK WITH YOU

Hush! Can you not hear
The muted melody we hold so dear?
No, we will not forget
That time and time again we two have met
To gather wine-red roses in golden dawns of yore.

Ah yes -- I see it now!
You are woven into the fabric of my life,
In what my soul recalls as yesterday . . .
I subtly color the cloak you wear today.

Thus all that you and I can ever be
Must contain a part of you and me!
Come, let us share this Ruby Rose -- glistening with dew,
Absorb, inhale its fragrance ... for I still walk with you.

-- Ann Davies (A.N.N, October 1963)

I sought my soul,
But my soul I could not see.
I sought my God,
But my God eluded me.
I sought my brother,
And I found all three.
--Author Unknown (A.N.N., October 1963)

GIVE ME OF THY LOVE (by Ann Davies, at age 12)

Dear God, my prayer.
I wander through the mist of time ... along.
Give me of Thy love!
I stumble over rock-strewn paths.
I am lost and weary!
Give ma a love that holds me close
Through days and nights of life's unfolding dream,
A love that shares with me the heights and depths
Of every trembling moment.
May soul hungers, dear God.
Thy Grace bestow.
Give me Thy love!
This my humble prayer, I send on wings of yearning! Amen.
-- from A.N.N. January 1964

"What good are ideas unless you can make use of them?
--John F. Kennedy

"I have met in the streets a very poor young man who was in love. His hat was old, his coat worn, the water passed through his shoes and the stars through his soul." -- Victor Hugo

FLEA

Great fleas have little fleas
upon their backs to bite 'em,
And little fleas have lesser fleas,
and so ad infinitum.
And the great fleas themselves, in turn,
have greater fleas to go on;
While these again have greater still,
and so on. --Augustus De Morgan, a Budget of Paradoxes

Oh, the worlds and systems of worlds that the night reveals--the outlook off into infinity which the darkness brings! When the day is done, when the night falls, how are the heavens opened! How is the universe extended! How are the glory and the sublimity of creation multiplied! Out of the deep shadow of the earth what lights we behold! What rays penetrate to us from the farthermost depths of space! When the sun is gone, myriads of other suns are born.
-- John Burroughs, from A.N.N. October 1964

"From listening comes wisdom, and from speaking repentance."
-- Italian Proverb

"A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after awhile he knows something." -- Wilson Mizner

"What you think of yourself is much more important than what others think of you. -- Seneca, Epistulae ad Lucilium

"ACTION releases truth so it can inspire and regenerate; action releases ideas so they can bless and benefit.

Religions, philosophies, formulas, projects, blueprints, programs, plans are inert until action infuses them with power.

The greatest truths of God and the mightiest ideas of man remain static and unfruitful when imprisoned in books and chained to pages of paper." -- from A.N.N. October 1964

"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light." -Plato

Advice from the late Thomas B. Watson, Sr. of IBM: "There is no limit to the good a man can do if he doesn't care who gets the credit."

"Nothing is more simple than greatness; indeed, to be simple is to be great." --Emerson, quoted in Literary Ethics

"Simplicity of character is the natural result of profound thought." -- Hazlitt

"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." --Edith Wharton, from Robins Reader

"Beware of half truth, for you may have got hold of the wrong half." -- S. Selvaratnam

"Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe. -- St. Augustine

Yesterday is but a dream
And tomorrow is only a vision.
But today well lived
Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness
And every tomorrow a vision of hope. -- from the Sanskrit

"When I hear somebody sigh that 'Life is hard,' I am always tempted to ask, 'Compared to what?" -- Sydney Harris

"Man is not the creature of circumstances. Circumstances are creatures of men." -- Disraeli

"What you are is God's gift to you. What you make of yourself is your gift to Him." -- Anonymous

"Forbidden bread creates an appetite." --Anonymous

The Administrative Intelligence -- Liberation

"He who truly knows the Self, who has freed himself from the bonds of delusion which make the ignorant mistakenly apply the term 'self' to the limited transitory personality, such a one has found the goal." -- Book of Tokens

" 'Tis always morning somewhere in the world." --Richard Horne

"The world turns aside to let any man pass who knows whither he is going." -- David Starr Jordon

"Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for? -- Browning, from Andrea del Sarto

METAPHYSICAL CREDO

I believe in the Father-Motherhood of God
and the brotherhood of man.
I believe in the law of reincarnation,
which is the cycle of necessity for the growth of the soul.
I believe in the perfect harmony and justice
of the cosmic order.
I believe I walk the Path of Return, ever transmuting,
ever redeeming myself though the power of the Christ force.
I believe this path will one day bring me
to self-conscious union with God.
I believe all living things are one, and I AM that one.
-- Fellow Builder Marjory Begley (A.N.N, Jan. 1966)

How often we stifle our personal relationships, in marriage, in parenthood, in friendships, by love that shackles instead of surrounds, by love that imprisons instead of giving illumined freedom. -- Anonymous (A.N.N., Jan. 1966)

"No man is an island,
entire of itself.
Every man is a piece of the continent,
a part of the main.
Any man's death diminishes me
because I am involved in Mankind." -- John Donne

"Men are wise in proportion not to their experience but to their capacity for experience." -- George Bernard Shaw

MAN: "Each of us is made up of two parts--what we are and what we may become. Regardless of our age and station in life, these divisions remain with us. Our concern should be not so much with what we now are, but what under God we may become."
-- Wallace Friday, Meditations

COURAGE: "Courage, it would seem, is nothing less than the power to overcome danger, misfortune, fear, injustice, while continuing to affirm inwardly that life with all its sorrows is good; that everything is meaningful even if in a sense beyond our understanding; and that there is always tomorrow."
-- Dorothy Thompson, Nuggets

And then there was the woman who told her husband, "Be an angel and let me drive." He did and he is.

"It is important to remember that it is not we, the personality,that is doing the work, but the omnipotent, omnipresent, inexhaustible Life-power working <u>through</u> us."
-- Harriet Case (conclusion to an article, A.N.N., April 1966)

"It is said that when Henry Ford asked his friend Thomas Edison to explain electricity, Mr. Edison replied: "Henry, Electricity IS. Use it!"

Small boy to girl: "If I sit across from you at the table, does that mean I'm the opposite sex?" -- Tom Miles

"Perhaps it's only coincidence, but man's best friend can't talk.
-- Jimmy Cannon

And have you heard about the little boy who listened to the preacher say: "Man came from dust and returns to dust." After the little boy got home, he happened to look under his bed and called out excitedly: "Mama, there's somebody either coming or going under here!"

"I am the revealer of all mysteries.
None other is the Teacher of any man...
Today thou mayest reject me...
Yet it shall be that my Voice
Shall go with thee henceforth forever.
When thou sleepest it shall instruct thee,
And even when thou art busiest with the affairs of daily life,
It shall ring suddenly in thine inner ear."
-- From the Book of Tokens, Meditation on Key 5, Vav

"Make use of time, let not advantage slip." -- Shakespeare

IS YOUR KARMA BUGGING YOU?

Do you have restless, sleepless nights and guilty days? Do you feel separate? If you answer "yes" to these questions, then you have a good case of 'Kinky Karma'. Why not turn your problems over to B.O.T.A., your friendly neighborhood Mystery School and Karma Renovators? Send for our Handy 22-Pack Tarot Brand Karma Elimination and re-evaluation Kit and be the first person in your block to say, "I got rid of my Karma the B.O.T.A. way and my neighbors don't think of me as a social disaster like they used to." Mrs. S.J. of Glendale writes, I had suffered terribly from Chronic Karma beginning in my teens, and all my friends used to say behind my back, 'She's working out her Karma, poor thing.' After years of this I saw your ad and sent for your Handy 22-Pack Tarot Brand Karma Elimination and Re-evaluation Kit. Today I can say that B.O.T.A. put my Karma to work for me.

Yours in fun, Frater A.F. (A.N.N. 1967)

ODE TO BINAH

Oh Binah of Malkuth, blessed be Thy Name.
How welcome Thy healing love.

How needed the nourishment thereof, never withheld;
brought from across the Abyss on the bridge of Thy loving heart.

How sound Thy knowledge of the Path of Return;
of every exaltation and pitfall which Thou hast known
again and again through every footstep of Thy loved charges--
the true crucifixion.

What wisdom you lay before our eyes
in the adeptness of your loving response to the true needs
of the evolving life of this sphere.

What enlightenment you give with your laughing, joyous delight
in the myriad variations of Creation.

How fortunate we are to be held close within
Thy Divine Maternal Radiance in Thy Work
of bringing forth the Christ Spirit --
another spiral up from the last great birthing.

Oh giver of form, Blessed be Thy Supernal Name.

-- Joseph Nolen (A.N.N. 1967)

"The most beautiful and most profound emotion we can experience is the sensation of the mystical." -- Albert Einstein